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Baghdad blunts Iranian thrust

NICOSIA, Feb. 9 (Agencies) — Iraq said its forces Wednesday repulsed the fourth Iranian attempt in as many days to send troops storming across the international border into the southern Iraqi governorate of Misan.

A communique broadcast by Baghdad radio said the Iraqis launched the new assault within their "val fahr" (before dawn) operation at 0630 local time (0330 GMT).

Fierce battles raged and the attack was completely crushed at 1645 local time (1345 GMT), with the remnants of the attackers fleeing in disarray, leaving behind a large number of killed and wounded soldiers and destroyed equipment, the communique added.

An earlier Iraqi communique said the Iraqi Air Force and Navy attacked and destroyed three Iranian "naval targets" at Khor Moussa near the northern tip of the Arabian Gulf.

Quoting the Iraqi commander in charge of the sector, INA said six Iranian regular army divisions backed by revolutionary guard units and volunteer troops were involved in the Iranian attack.

Iran's objective, according to the Iraqi regional commander, General Hesham Sabah Al Fakhr, cited by INA, was to capture the Iraqi city of Al Amarah between Basra and Baghdad, about 60 kms (38 miles) from the Iranian border.

The Iraqi commander, who met journalists at his command post, said Iran has lost 15,000 men. He also said the main highway in the region linking the Iranian towns of Fakhri and Al Shib was still in use by Iraqi forces.

In a telegram to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, published Wednesday, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz said Iraqi forces had been able to repel the first wave of the attack.

At the same time, he said, his government would welcome any positive step on the part of the United Nations that would promote greater participation in the finding of a peaceful, just and honorable settlement of the Iraq-Iran conflict.



FLYING VISIT: The Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Yasser Arafat, paid a flying visit to the Kingdom Wednesday for talks with King Fahd. He is seen here flanked by Prince Sultan, second deputy premier and defense minister, who is shaking hands with him, and Prince Saud, foreign minister. On the extreme right is Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri, deputy foreign minister.

U.S. says massacre tops record of rights' violation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (Agencies) — The massacre of hundreds of Palestinians in Beirut gave Lebanon one of the world's worst human rights records last year, according to the U.S. administration.

In its annual report on human rights, issued Tuesday, a chapter on Israel noted eyewitness reports that Israeli troops allowed Lebanese militia into two refugee camps where the killings took place in September.

Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams said in a briefing on the report that "great violence and thousands of deaths" accompanied Israel's June invasion put Lebanon on the list of nations where human rights suffered most in 1982 — along with the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, and Iran.

But Abrams did not comment on Tuesday's finding by a judicial commission in occupied Jerusalem that the Israeli authorities had been seriously remiss in allowing the Lebanese into the camps.

"In addition to violations by the Israelis in areas under their control, the Lebanese government itself was responsible for serious abuses as it reasserted its control over West Beirut," said the department in its report.

The department, concurring with widespread reports in the Western and Israeli news media, cited civilian deaths, disappearances, torture and mistreatment of prisoners, invasion of homes and the continued displacement of Palestinian refugees.

The report included the Lebanese Christian militia massacre of hundreds of Palestinians in two refugee camps "in an operation coordinated with the Israelis." The department said its report was prepared before results could be known of Israeli and Lebanese inquiries into the massacres.

The report noted the Lebanese government report that 328 bodies had been found in the camps and said "several hundred more probably remain unlocated."

Many of the 900 Palestinians reported by the Lebanese government as missing from the camps "may have been killed and their bodies never found," the report said.

It noted the Lebanese government estimated that 19,800 civilians had been killed as a result of the Israeli invasion and that accurate figures "are very difficult to compile."

Israeli forces detained 9,000-15,000 people, mostly Palestinians, in Lebanon last year, the report said.

Fahd receives Libyan envoys

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 (SPA) — King Fahd received Ahmad bin Muhammad Khazaf Al Dam, special envoy of Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi as well as the Libyan Oil Minister Kamel Hassan Maghur.

Putting Begin in a fix Sharon declines to relinquish post

TEL AVIV, Feb. 9 (Agencies) — Disgraced Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, whose resignation was called for by the official commission investigating the Beirut massacre, announced Wednesday he will not resign, Israeli radio reported.

The radio quoted Sharon as telling a meeting of the Israeli General Staff that if Prime Minister Menachem Begin forced him, he would not hold it against him.

Gen. Sharon also undertook to ask the government to delay sanctions proposed against Chief of Staff General Raphael Eytan and two other generals. Such sanctions, he said, might have serious consequences for the army.

The radio said the general staff, surprised by Gen. Sharon's arrival, received his remarks in total silence.

Gen. Sharon also attended an extraordinary session late Wednesday of the Israeli cabinet. When he left the meeting he made no statement, but was smiling. He was applauded by a waiting crowd and petitions of support were pressed on him. The cabinet meeting meanwhile continued.

The prime minister, anxious not to alienate right-wing voters by dismissing Sharon, has made no public statement on the inquiry's report. He spent much of the day consulting coalition partners.

The inquiry found that Sharon bore indirect responsibility for the massacre of hundreds of Palestinian civilians by Lebanese Christian militia in two Beirut refugee camps.

The report said Sharon, who sent the Phalangist into the camps to root out commandos, should resign or be fired. Israeli newspapers and opposition politicians nearly unanimously Wednesday in calling for the speedy implementation of all the report's recommendations.

Government sources who asked not to be identified said that a majority of ministers now wanted Sharon to step down as the pugnacious defense minister has repeatedly clashed with several cabinet members. Former

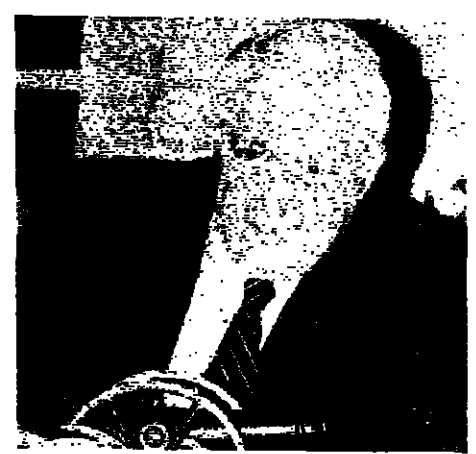
Minister Yitzhak Shamir, one of the key figures in the cabinet, cut short a European trip to return home for Wednesday's crucial meeting.

To avoid dismissing Sharon, the prime minister was reported to be exploring the possibility of a "tactical resignation" by the government and then forming another cabinet without Sharon. State radio also said that Begin, whose Likud Party has boosted its standing in recent opinion polls, had told some of his coalition partners he was ready for elections.

The National Religious Party, a senior partner in the government, opposes early polls, apparently for fear it would lose seats in the Knesset (parliament).

Before Wednesday's cabinet meeting, political commentators here were discussing three alternatives that could lead the Begin government out of the worst crisis in its six-year history.

Sharon, they said, should be sacked as



Ariel Sharon
defense chief but retained in the cabinet as a minister without portfolio to avoid the appearance of having been officially sanctioned.

Arab media calls for trial of Israeli leaders

BEIRUT, Feb. 9 (AP) — Arab newspapers called Wednesday for the trial of Israeli government leaders as war criminals in the wake of a judicial commission's report in Israel on the massacre of Palestinians in Beirut last September.

Nationalist Lebanese newspapers likened Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon to former Nazi Klaus Barbie and a Damascus newspaper warned that Israeli might attack Syria to quell the uproar over the report on the Sept. 16-18 massacre.

In Kuwait, newspapers called for a Nuremberg-type trial of every Israeli leader implicated by the judicial commission's report.

Jordan's daily newspapers described the Kahan commission's report as "cosmetic" and "play acting."

"Anyone from (Israeli Prime Minister) Menachem Begin down to who had anything to do with Israel's invasion of Lebanon and its sequel is guilty of the foul deeds of Adolf Eichmann, Rudolf Hess and Klaus Barbie," said the English-language *Kuwait Times*, referring to prominent Nazi officials.

The paper reminded U.S. President Ronald Reagan of his statement after the September massacre of hundreds of Palestinians by Christian militiamen that "for the criminals who did this no punishment is enough." "Call for the punishment now, Mr. Reagan," the *Kuwait Times* said. "The witness is yours."

Amman's leading daily, *Al Rai*, said in an editorial that "the world will not be tricked by this because democracy and crime do not get along, and there is no democratic government in the world which allows criminals to have military and political authority."

The newly published *Sout Al Shan* in Jordan described the commission's condemnation of Sharon and others as "play acting."

The English-language *Jordan Times* wrote: "The Kahan commission's findings will mean much to many around the world... (but) let us not be emotional and naive, for we have had enough. The Kahan inquiry was not formed to resurrect the souls of the Palestinian refugees who were butchered in their camps... only to protect the (Israeli) version of justice and self-righteousness which has cost us dearly in almost every respect."

The independent Lebanese daily *Al-Nahar* called for efforts to draw negotiating advantages for Lebanon from the row in Israel over publication of the report.

"The most important thing of all is how to benefit from the present storm in Israel and how much ambassador (Philip) Habib (the U.S. Middle East envoy) would be able to soften the Israeli position," it said.

But some newspapers expressed fears that the affair could delay the current Lebanese-Israeli talks on withdrawal of Israel's invasion force from Lebanon. The conservative *Al-Bayraq* said that if elections were held in Israel as a result of the furor, "these elections would stop the Lebanese-Israeli negotiations."

Al-Nahar said the report's condemnation of Israeli defense minister may have ended "Sharon's war in Lebanon." But the rightist *Al-Nahar* said Sharon might now start a battle with the Syrians in east Lebanon's Bekaa Valley.

The leftist *As-Safir* said the report tried to deflect blame for the massacres onto individuals. "The indirect accusation against Israeli officials is a direct accusation for Israel itself," it said.

Egyptian editors said Tuesday the conclusions of the inquiry commission report amounted to a call for the resignation of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's entire cabinet.

One editor, contacted by the Associated Press, described Begin as "the Khomenei of the Jewish peoples" and termed the massacre a second holocaust but in reverse.

"For Israel to win world public opinion, it would not be enough to unseat Sharon as the commission report recommended," Anis Mansour, editor of the weekly magazine *October*, told the AP in a survey of senior editors.

Mustafa Amin, former publisher of the daily *Al-Akhar* who now writes a regular column, said the commission report is "a ruling that demands the dismissal of the whole Israeli cabinet."

Mohsen Muhammad, editor and board chairman of the daily *Al-Gomhouria*, described the commission's conclusion as "an earthquake that has rocked Israel."

Global verdict set in March

TOKYO, Feb. 9 (AP) — An international tribunal of people unrelated to political parties, governments or international organizations will meet here in March to "make judgment" on the recent Massacre of Palestinian refugees in Beirut, organizers said Wednesday.

Private citizens from more than 20 countries in both the Western and Socialist camps will hear Israeli, Lebanese and Palestinian witnesses of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the September attack on Beirut refugee camps by Lebanese Christian militia, organizers said.

"It will not be a formal tribunal and of course we will not have the power to enforce our judgment. But after the Israeli invasion of Lebanon last year, and especially after the Beirut massacre, we decided to hold an international tribunal from the citizens' point of view," said Tokuma Utsunomiya, one of the organizers.

Utsunomiya is a parliamentarian from Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party and former head of the Japan-Palestinian Dietmen's League.

Speaking at a news conference, Utsunomiya and other organizers said a jury of 40 and 30 witnesses will attend the three-day session to be held in Tokyo, March 18-21. It is dubbed "the international people's tribunal on the Israeli invasion of Lebanon."

U.S. concerned over effect on pullout

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP) — The administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan said it hopes the report by a special Israeli commission into the Beirut massacre will not aggravate the serious deadlock over withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon.

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, who is currently visiting some Asian states, said he does not expect the political furor surrounding the issuing of the report to slow negotiations for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon or to hinder the overall Middle East peace process.

"We intend to keep working away at them and I expect the other parties to the negotiations will as well," Shultz said. "People in governments have to work on more than one thing at a time. We do and I am sure the Israelis will."

President Reagan, when asked for comment on the report during a meeting with editorial writers, said: "That's an internal problem, and I just don't think we should be commenting or injecting ourselves into that internal problem."

U.S. administration officials would not speculate on what effect the report would have on Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government and on the negotiations. But one official said the resignation of Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon would probably not be enough to alter Israel's stand in the pullout talks.

Administration officials were highly critical of Ariel Sharon just after the massacre, declaring Israel bore a responsibility for the bloodshed

because its forces had seized control of the camps even though Israel agreed earlier it would stay out of West Beirut.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government made no comment, but the main opposition Labor Party's deputy leader, Denis Healey, said: "I think the report will be very damaging to the Begin government, which has been exposed as, in effect, being controlled by the military."

He said the critical question now is whether the Reagan administration will press Begin to change his hardline policies on the future of Lebanon and the Middle East.

Israeli commission's report will jolt the administration of President Reagan into following a more independent course in the Middle East, the Arab League's representative said Tuesday.

Calling Defense Minister Ariel Sharon's future "a matter of secondary importance," Clovis Maksoud said "what is important is that the policies which led to Sharon's behavior must be revised and reassessed."

Maksoud, chief representative of the Arab League in the United States, said in an interview that the report "vindicates many of our suspicions." He said it should "awaken the United States to develop its concept of its policies in the Middle East after having taken a distance from Israel's objectives and policies."

American Jewish leaders called on the Israeli government to implement the recommendations of the inquiry commission, including the ousting of Defense Minister Ariel Sharon.

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Saudi Food '83 begins Feb. 13 in Riyadh

Netherlands gets ready for grand display

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 — The Netherlands is preparing in a big way for the Saudi Food Fair starting in Riyadh on Feb. 13. Nearly 25 Dutch companies will display various food products and offer technical know-how at the fair, according to Willem Andrae, head of the commercial section of the Royal Netherlands Embassy here.

He told *Arab News* that the largest participation of an official group has been organized by the Dutch ministry of agriculture. "There will be cheese decorated with Dutch flowers," he said.

Andrae said Dutch food is popular and there is more demand in the Kingdom for "our chocolates, confectionery, cheese and butter." The Dutch also play an important role here in farming, including poultry, by supplying equipment and know-how.

Another mission is arriving toward the end of the current month to participate in the Water Technology Show and an expert team from Dutch Utility Companies will visit Saudi Arabia early next month. It will be followed by an agricultural team to participate in the Saudi Agriculture Show in April, Andrae said.

The water technology expert team will meet with top officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Water and also those of the Saline Water Conversion Corporation. They will visit interior parts where water is available and will discuss waste water problems, he added.

It will be followed by a high technology mission representing electronics, aeroplanes and electrical industries in September. He said eight companies had participated in the Middle East Electricity and Electronics Exhibition and received good response. The companies had offered technical and public lighting, chrono-chime bronze bells, distribution transformers, electrical engineering and meter cabinet enclosures and gear boxes.

Andrae said Saudi Arabia is the largest oil supplier to the Netherlands. Of the total 51 million tons of oil imports during January-August 1982, the Kingdom supplied 16 million tons, nearly one-third of the oil imports, followed by nine million tons from Britain. Its oil imports from Saudi Arabia during 1981 were 17 million tons, valued at SR12 billion, while exports from Holland in 1981 amounted to SR3.6 billion and during January-July 1982 they were SR2.1 billion.

Fahd to dedicate Jubail steel, methanol plants

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 — A large portion of the major industrial schemes planned in Jubail has been completed and will soon be dedicated by King Fahd, Planning Minister Hisham Nazer has told *Al-Madina*. The projects include an iron and steel complex, a methanol plant now at the experimental stage and a fertilizer plant.

Saudi minister confers with Sri Lankan head

COLOMBO, Feb. 9 (SPA) — Visiting Industry and Electric Power Minister Dr. Ghazi Alghosabi Wednesday called on Sri Lankan President Junius Jayawardene and conveyed to him King Fahd's good wishes.

The minister also discussed developing industrial cooperation and the prospect of making use of Sri Lankan manpower in Saudi Arabian industrial projects.

Dr. Alghosabi earlier reviewed with Sri Lanka Foreign Minister Sahan Hamud cooperation between the two countries.

BMW launching new 320 model

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 — The Alhuseini Corporation, general importers of BMW cars for the Kingdom, will introduce the new BMW E30 model, a totally revised version of the former 320 model, at a press conference at the Al-Bilad Hotel at 10.30 a.m. on Feb. 23.

Corporation General Manager Karl Tippner told *Arab News* that the new model will be demonstrated and its special features announced on that day.

Potato growers get government support

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 — Home-grown potatoes receive support under an SR30 million program launched by the Saudi Arabian government, according to *Saudi Business*. The weekly magazine said the government purchased about the third of the crop from the spring harvest to be used as seeds for the next planting.

There are two potato seasons in the Kingdom. The first starts with planting in January and harvesting in April and May. In the second, planting begins in September and October with harvesting in December and January.

The Kingdom's potato production totaled 10,000 tons in 1982, providing between 15 to 20 percent of the Kingdom's needs.

Singapore firms presenting wide range of food products

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 — Six Singapore food and beverage manufacturing companies are participating in the Saudi Food '83 Exhibition scheduled at the Al-Dhiyafa Exhibition Center in Riyadh from Feb. 13 through 17, according to Singapore Embassy Commercial Attache Adnan Ramly. The group will be promoting a wide range of products, including edible oils, frozen food, tea bags, instant noodles, chili sauces and snacks, Ramly told *Arab News*.

The participating companies are: Hwa Hong Manufacturing Co., Lee Brothers Poultry Industries, Ong Sam Yung Tea Merchant (S), Sin Sin Food Industries, 20th Century Food, and Senwa Food Industries.

According to Ramly, the food and beverage industry in Singapore is about 100 years old and today the establishments in this sector number about 300. Its output valued at Singapore DLS 2.15 billion contributes 5.9 percent of the total manufacturing output, making it the country's fourth largest manufacturing sector after petroleum, machinery and appliance, and transport equipment.

Agricultural cooperation accord signed

RIYADH, Feb. 9 (SPA) — West Germany and Saudi Arabia have initiated a joint agreement on cooperation between their private agricultural sectors. Agriculture and Water Resource Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh said here Wednesday.

He said a West German delegation including experts would visit Saudi Arabia to follow up the implementation of the agreement.

Dr. Sheikh said after a meeting with West German Agriculture Food, Forestry and Fisheries Minister Josef Ertl that the talks had helped in strengthening cooperation in the fields of animal husbandry, agriculture, water and exchange of technical know-how.



Joseph Ertl

Jeddah Municipality to hold conference of Saudi engineers in May

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 — Jeddah Municipality will hold the first conference of Saudi Arabian engineers from 2 to 7 Shaaban 1403 (May 14 to 19, 1983) in cooperation with the engineering faculty of King Abdul Aziz University here, *Al-Jazirah* reported Wednesday.

The theme of the conference will be "the role of engineer and his art in the development of Saudi Arabia."

During the conference new means to render Saudi Arabian engineers more effective in their work will be considered. Also discussed will be the exchange of engineering and scientific know-how between engineers and scientists in various fields, and the adaptation of modern technology to Saudi Arabia's environment and culture. Engineering research in the Kingdom will also be highlighted.

High on the agenda is the development of the engineering profession in a way as to best serve the Kingdom's over-all renaissance and the transfer of technology. Engineers from both public and private sectors will take part in the conference. Alongside the congress, an exhibition of engineering equipment and apparatus will be held. Books, periodicals and bulletins, will also be displayed at the exhibition, highlighting major engineering projects carried out in Saudi Arabia. The exhibition will be held at the international exhibition ground, Al-Harithi Center, near the university campus.

AUB president to speak at Alkhobar reception

By Jean Grant
Arab News Staff

ALKHOBAR, Feb. 9 — The President of the American University of Beirut, Malcolm Kerr, will speak to friends and graduates of the university at a dinner on Feb. 16 at the Carleton Hotel here.

Kerr will be in the Eastern Province from Feb. 14 through 17 to meet long-standing friends of the university. During their stay in the Eastern Province, he and his delegation which includes Nazih Zaidan, head of the



Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh

Ministry halts installation of new telephones

RIYADH, Feb. 9 — The Ministry of Post, Telegraph and Telephone has halted the installation of new telephones throughout Saudi Arabia, *Al-Riyadh* reported Wednesday. The ban went into effect last Wednesday and will be in effect until further notice.

A ministry spokesman said that the decision was prompted by the inadequate number of telephone sets available with Saudi Telephone and the insufficiency of maintenance services. He added that too many citizens were applying for telephones and that the ministry could not cope with their requests, as the figures surpassed what was planned for.

The spokesman said that in Riyadh alone, an average 300 telephone sets were installed every week. He added that the ministry had ordered 100,000 telephone sets to remedy the situation. The sets are expected within the coming few weeks, he said. He pointed out, however, that the suspension will not last more than six to seven weeks.

People can apply for new telephones and Saudi Telephone officials will make the necessary arrangements for the installation, but the sets themselves will not be installed before the new shipment arrives in Saudi Arabia. All requests now will be kept on a computerized waiting list, so that the order of precedence may always be respected.

Several meetings were held at the ministry Tuesday to seek the ways and means to rapidly contain the situation and resolve it promptly. Subscriber offices were inspected Monday by Fahd Al-Basri, director general of Saudi Telephone here, to see to it that the new applications are properly received and processed. Fuad Abu Mansour, PTT under-secretary for operation and maintenance, is at present abroad following up the matter to procure as many telephone sets as possible within the shortest possible time and face the constantly increasing pressure.

Meanwhile, it was reported Wednesday that three new telephone exchanges are being set up in Makkah to connect Al-Omra Al-Jadida, Al-Jamjoum and Shara' Al-Mujahideen to the telephone network. The new exchanges will be ready before the middle of May and new subscribers will receive their lines shortly after that. There are now 57,000 operating telephones in Makkah and their number will be brought to 60,000. All areas of Makkah will be hooked into the network.

Any graduate or friends of the AUB who wish to attend the reception at the Carleton Hotel should phone Kemal Najjar (Tel. 875-3265 or 874-4638) before Monday for table reservation.

On Feb. 17, Kerr will travel to Riyadh.

university's office of development, will be the guest of the Arabian-American Oil Company (ARAMCO).

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Willem Andrae

Taif building demolished by municipality

TAIF, Feb. 9 — Upon a complaint from a landlord that a contractor had not delivered his building according to conventional specifications, the municipality here destroyed the building before any apartment was rented and compelled the contractor to pay all the damage, *Okaz* reported.

After the construction had been finished, the owner of the building found out that the work was below the required standard. He complained to the municipality which set up a fact-finding committee.

The committee soon discovered that the whole building was incorrectly built and could crumble on its inhabitants at any time. The building was immediately destroyed.

The well-known entrepreneur constructed the building as a practically hollow structure, so much so that the construction deficiency was obvious even to the owner himself.

The committee ruled that it would be preferable to demolish the empty building rather than wait for an imminent accident. It obtained a demolition order from the competent authorities at the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs. The ministry also decreed that the contractor should remove the rubble and return the entire amount he had received to the owner.

Taiwan's health chief plans Riyadh visit Feb. 18

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 (CNA) — Hsu Tzu-chiu, director-general of the Department of Health, Executive Yuan of the Republic of China, is scheduled to visit the Kingdom Feb. 18-21 at the invitation of the acting Minister of Health Dr. Ghazi Alghosabi.

While in Riyadh, Hsu is to sign with Alghosabi the Sino-Saudi Medical Cooperation Memorandum No. 5. He will leave Riyadh for New York on Feb. 21.

Approximately at the same time, a group of seven Chinese doctors and medical experts will also visit the Kingdom.

Members of the group are Dr. Peng Ming-tung, dean of the College of Medicine, National Taiwan University, Dr. Yang Sze-piao, superintendent of the National Taiwan University Hospital, Dr. Wei Teng-hsien, director of the Department of Public Health of Taipei City government, Dr. Lue Hung-chi, professor of pediatrics, National Taiwan University, Dr. Lee Tzu-yao, professor of obstetrics and gynecology, National Taiwan University, Tso Jong-fwu, director of the International Cooperation Division, Department of Health, Executive Yuan, and Miss Young Yu-chi, specialist of the International Cooperation Division Department of Health, Executive Yuan.

They are to visit Jeddah, Riyadh and Hofuf. There are two Chinese medical missions in the Kingdom, one in Jeddah and the other in Hofuf.



Hsu Tzu-chiu

AGFUND, FAO sign project agreements

ROME, Feb. 9 (SPA) — The Arab Fund for Development (AGFUND) and the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) have signed agreements that call on FAO to execute AGFUND-financed projects in Madagascar and Nicaragua.

The agreements were signed by Prince Talal bin Abdul Aziz, chairman of AGFUND, and FAO Director-General Edouard Saouma.

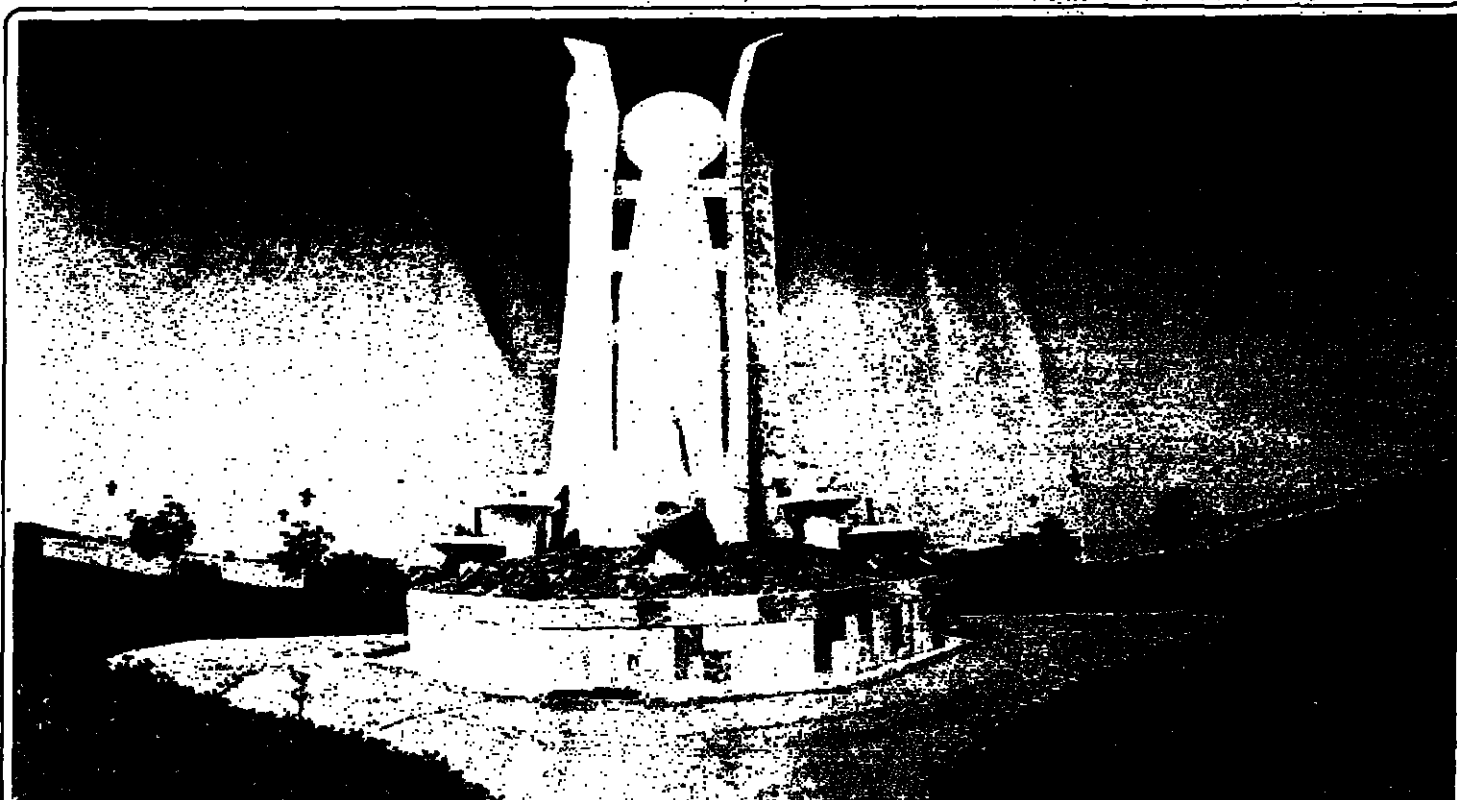
The project in Madagascar aims to accelerate production of seeds in rural areas and AGFUND's contribution stands at \$950,000 for the period from April 1983 to December 1984.

In Nicaragua, with AGFUND financing amounting to \$320,000, the project aims to reduce grain losses through improved storage facilities.

Saouma conveyed his deep appreciation to Prince Talal for the AGFUND financing and for his continued support for the FAO's work and his personal efforts to alleviate hunger.

Last month, AGFUND's administrative committee meeting in Kuwait approved three new projects to be executed through FAO for improvement of crop storage in Ghana, improvement of seeds in Lesotho and rural development in Zimbabwe.

AGFUND was established two years ago at the initiative of Prince Talal, who is also special envoy for UNICEF, to extend support to developing countries through U.N. development organizations — FAO, UNDP, UNESCO, UNEP and UNICEF — particularly with the goal of improving the living standard of people.



NEW YANBU MONUMENT: Industrial development isn't the only progress taking place in Yanbu, as is evident from this photograph of one of the new park areas. This piece of sculpture is one of the first in the area but a number of others are planned after the example which was set by the Jeddah Municipality.

Ninth grand annual camel race scheduled for March 2

RIYADH, Feb. 9 (SPA) — The ninth grand annual camel race in Al-Janadeeryyah will be held on March 2, 1983, under the auspices of King Fahd.

There will be two races, the first one starting at around 10 a.m., and the second immediately after the afternoon prayer. The

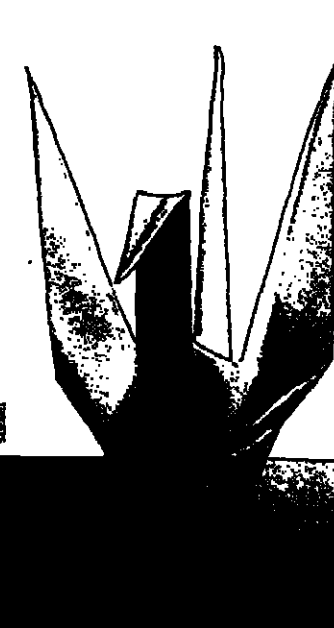


distance for each race is 19 kms or three complete turns of the race track.

The Fergousseya Club has invited all nationals to watch the race and all those wishing to participate from the Kingdom and sister Arab countries to apply for it at the

club's secretariat as of Saturday, Feb. 12. The last day for registration will be Feb. 28.

Prizes will be awarded to the first 200 winners of each race. The first five winners will receive valuable awards in cash and kind from the hands of King Fahd.

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Prior approval necessary

SAMA move on syndicated loans stirs curiosity

RIYADH, Feb. 9 — A lot of public curiosity has been aroused due to the publicity about the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) the latest of which was the announcement Tuesday that prior approval is necessary before syndicated loans may be syndicated with the participation of offshore banks.

Both onshore and offshore banking activities within the Kingdom are overseen by SAMA, whose offices are located here on the commercial rather than the government side of Airport Road. That position, according to an article on the many banking roles of SAMA in a recent supplementary issue of *Economist*, is somehow symbolic of SAMA's role in the Saudi Arabian economy.

According to that supplement, sponsored by the Ministry of Finance and National Economy, SAMA is not purely a central bank, nor is it a lender of last resort. It has a 38 percent shareholding in the Kingdom's second largest bank and a 50 percent shareholding in its largest overseas bank.

Yet the agency, under the directorship of its governor Abdul Aziz Al-Qurashi, also administers the country's banking law and monitors and regulates its commercial banks. It sells them dollars, and determines a daily exchange rate for the rial.

It handles contract payments and subsidy disbursements for the most liquid government in the world. It also has an international investment portfolio worth over \$100 million and is one of the most coveted buyers of government paper and other triple-A securities worldwide.

One of SAMA's biggest headaches, according to the supplement, is that it cannot absorb liquidity from the market by issuing its own paper, but must rely on statutory liquidity ratios imposed on the banks. So far, however, there has not been a crisis in the Saudi banking system, as there has been in Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

Through the boom period of 1976 and 1977, severe deflationary policies by the gov-

ernment and SAMA's tight curb on the banks kept them from a crash when property prices stalled and then plunged. This tight control amazingly has extended beyond SAMA's jurisdiction into the international arena.

The agency's deposit business is so desirable that banks, and occasionally governments, have been willing to toe the line on its Saudi rial policy. A spate of offshore syndicated loans and bonds denominated in riyals was abruptly halted in 1977 by means of a sharp circular letter from SAMA. All rial syndications since then have been connected closely with the development of the Kingdom, and the riyals have been intended for ultimate use within the country itself.

To this extent, SAMA has been successful in preventing the internationalization of its currency. It has also managed to reduce exchange-rate speculation to a tolerable level by retaining an element of unpredictability in the rial's relation to the U.S. dollar and the SDR, to which it is theoretically pegged.

Yet the rial is subject to its own domestic crises because of the thinness of the market and the fact that liquidity is heavily dependent on contract payments. Payment authorizations work their way through the ministry concerned, then are cleared by the council of ministers and appear as liquidity in the market.

Anticipation alone can move overnight interest rates 2 percent in half an hour. SAMA has no direct control over this, but the system has become smoother in the last year. The denomination in dollars of contracts worth more than SR300 million has helped to smooth out the interest-rate graph.

Less spectacular, but more significant, were the achievements of SAMA and the government in keeping the banks away from heavy real estate speculation in the mid-1970. Much of the shock, as deflation bit and the real estate boom subsided, was absorbed by the government's own Real Estate Development Fund, and private non-banking financiers. SAMA's strict rules on



Abdul Aziz Al-Qurashi

banks' liquidity ratios and their exposure to single borrowers had paid off.

The Saudi banking code limits loans to a single borrower to 25 percent of a bank's capital and reserves. It also requires a bank to place interest-free with SAMA 50 percent of any liquidity in excess of 15 times its capital and reserves. This is a significant restraint on banks whose easy access to funds at low cost might otherwise tempt them into speculative areas.

The growth of the indigenous Saudi Arabian banks since 1975 has been phenomenal, but controlled. Every year they have had more business than they can handle — the constraint has been scarcity of trained people, rather than of funds.

In the somewhat pressure-cooker atmosphere of the Saudi Arabian economy in the late 1970s, the intrusion of foreign banks from Bahrain and elsewhere provided a useful way of letting off steam.

The offshore banking center in Bahrain was created with SAMA's prior approval. Foreign, aptly named suitcase bankers have been allowed to operate freely within the Kingdom, developing corporate business and playing a vital part in syndicating loans and guarantees for contractors.

The Saudi Arabian banks, with their still limited capital, have been unable to provide such services, given the number and size of government contracts. But as the domestic banks have grown, so too has the debate over whether the offshore bankers should be squeezed out.

There are 12 commercial banks in the Kingdom, but three are to be merged into one, reducing the overall number to 10. The two biggest banks — National Commercial Bank and Riyad Bank — are indigenous; the others are majority Saudi Arabia-owned, but managed by their foreign ministry shareholders.

The Saudi American Bank (Samba) is managed by Citibank. Al-Bank Al-Fransi by Banque de l'Indochine et de Suez. Al-Bank, Al-Saudi Al-Hollandi by Algemeine Bank Nederland, the Saudi-British Bank by British Bank of the Middle East, Saudi Cairo Bank, and Bank Al-Jazira by National Bank of Pakistan.

The United Saudi Commercial Bank is being formed from the merger of the Saudi operations of United Bank of Pakistan, Bank Melli Iran, and Banque de Liban et d'Outre Mer. These foreign banks will each have a 10 percent shareholding, as will the London-based Saudi International Bank, which will also have the management contract.

The banks with foreign management have been formed as joint-stock companies by increasing the capital base of previously 100 percent foreign-owned operations. The foreign bank has retained 40 percent and the Saudi public subscribed the remainder. There are 10 board members: six Saudi founder shareholders, including a chairman and four foreigners.

The retention of foreign management is intended to encourage the development of banking skills among the Saudi population. Saudization began in 1975 with the Bank Al-Jazira and should be completed by the end of this year, when the United Saudi Commercial Bank becomes operational.

Specialized banks were created with government help to promote longer-term investment or to allow Saudi oil wealth to filter down to the people. They include the Agricultural Bank, the Real Estate Development Fund, the Saudi Industrial Development Fund, the Arab Investment Company and the Saudi Investment Banking Corporation (SIBC).

Red Sea Palace appoints new sales, food directors

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

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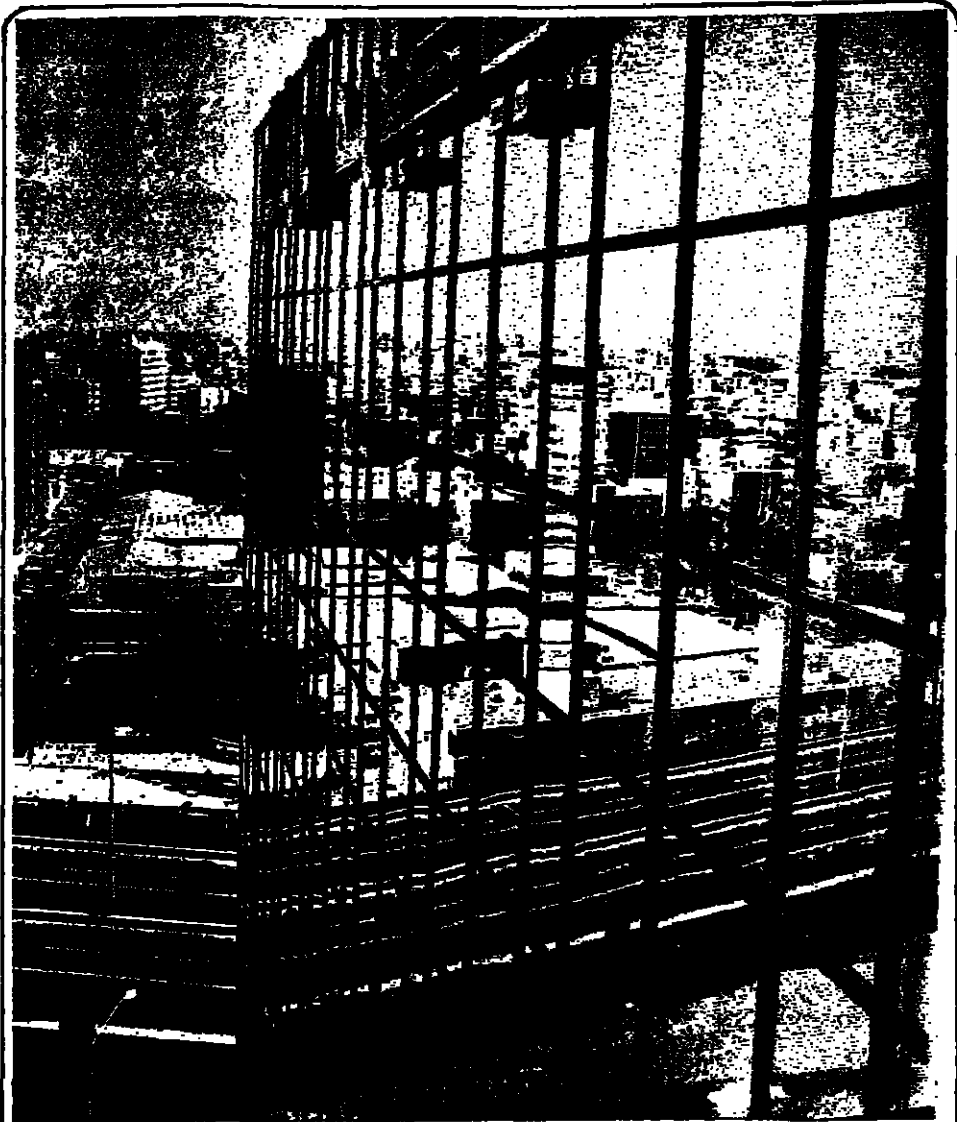
The latter is the closest to being a commercial bank. It is a consortium of Saudi and foreign shareholders. Apart from a statutory requirement that 70 percent of its portfolio should be medium-term, SIBC runs a commercial operation, accepting deposits of SR100,000 or more, dealing in foreign exchange, with outlets in the country's industrial zones.

Arguably, the presence of concessionary lending institutions has hindered the banks from developing their medium-term portfolios. SIBC itself is regarded mainly as a source of top-up finance after borrowing possibilities from the Saudi Industrial Development Fund or the Agricultural Bank have been exhausted or refused. And as Saudi Arabians are not in the habit of placing time deposits, this, too, has restricted bank operations to mainly short-term lending. Syndicated finance for contracts rarely runs longer than two or three years.

Saudi Arabian banks, facing competition from the suitcase bankers, have been encouraged to develop their corporate finance functions. With their local expertise, they are best placed to assess the credit risks of the lesser known second- or third-tier companies, while the offshore bankers tend to aim for the top-tier names whose finance requires a bigger capital base. Off balance-sheet services, such as advice on corporate finance, joint ventures, borrowing programs, foreign exchange and general market conditions, are becoming more popular with foreign customers with little ground knowledge of Saudi Arabia, and with local companies which have outgrown the traditional control of one man with all the figures in his head.

As the banks grow under SAMA's careful control, there is uncertainty about the future of their grass-roots competition, the money-changers. Most of the money-changers' business is foreign exchange, but the bigger ones have been taking short-term deposits and arranging short-term finance for customers. Last year SAMA gave them three years to run down these quasi-banking activities and limit themselves to foreign exchange business.

While the money-changers vary enormously in size and reputation, some of the bigger houses feel they have a strong case for survival or transformation into licensed banks, possibly of an Islamic nature.



WALL OF GLASS: The massiveness of the Meridien Hotel is aptly illustrated by this photo taken from a nearby rooftop and at the same time presents a mirror-image of downtown Jeddah.

Eastern Province demand increasing for automatic electronic telephones

By Javid Hassan
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 9 — An exhibition of electronic telephones, claimed to be the latest in the Kingdom, opened here last week at the

Hyatt Regency Hotel. On display were the OKICOM-E electronic key telephone systems which made their debut in the Kingdom last month, Ahmed Al-Hoshan, managing director of Hoshanco, the sole Riyadh-based agency for the system, told *Arab News*.

Hoshan spoke of a good demand for electronic telephones in the Eastern Province followed by Riyadh and Jeddah. The customers, drawn mostly from the private sector, also include a few in Sudan, he said.

The electronic phone, which costs upward of SR15,000, comes in two categories with line capacity ranging from 16 lines for the 11 OKICOM E-16 to 32 lines for the 21 OKICOM E-32.

What gives it a competitive edge, according to Hoshan, is its variety of significant functions, such as hand-free answer back, dialing, and monitoring and the ability to permit connection to the main unit with only two pairs of cables. The telephone, he pointed out, can also be hooked to facsimile and can interface with a lot of other equipment.

Other features of the system include a built-in facility to monitor long-distance and domestic calls, discriminative ringing and outgoing call restriction, whereby one line can be kept free for incoming calls through a special blocking device. Hoshan said the phone allows individual and loudspeaker paging, speaker volume control, besides add-on conference and abbreviated dialing facilities which are optional.

Hoshanco, which has branches all over the Kingdom, is now beginning a massive drive to win customers from the government sector. The company is hopeful since it believes it is the phone of the future.



SUCCESSFUL TRAINING: Tareq A. Khumais, left, DATA director congratulates course graduate Mahmoud Muhammad from Abha at the Jeddah Nova Park Hotel.

PCA course graduates honored

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 — Twelve participants were congratulated by Tareq A. Khumais, director of the Dallah Avco Trans Arabia Company's (DATA) Presidency of Civil Aviation (PCA) project on the successful completion of a supervisory training course at Larsen Nielsen Saudi Arabia Ltd. (LANSA), here recently.

The ceremonies were held at the Nova Park Hotel and were the culmination of a three-month intensive program that involved English and Arabic languages, management, technical skills, and fire prevention. Keith Robertson, senior instructor of the supervisory and management classes, told *Arab News* that LANSA has been holding the various classes at its premises near Saudia City at Prince Sultan Street for the last 18 months and about 60 persons, 50 percent of them Saudi Arabians and the rest Arabs, have so far participated in the various training programs.

He said LANSA, with Dr. Abdul Fatah Nazer as director general and Lawrence O. Knight as deputy director-general, was previously part of the Dallah Avco Service Company, and is a joint venture company of Larsen Nielsen International of Denmark.

Each supervisory training course lasts three to four months, depending on the students' ability. The course also includes two to three weeks of on-job training and their performance reports invited from the managers concerned.

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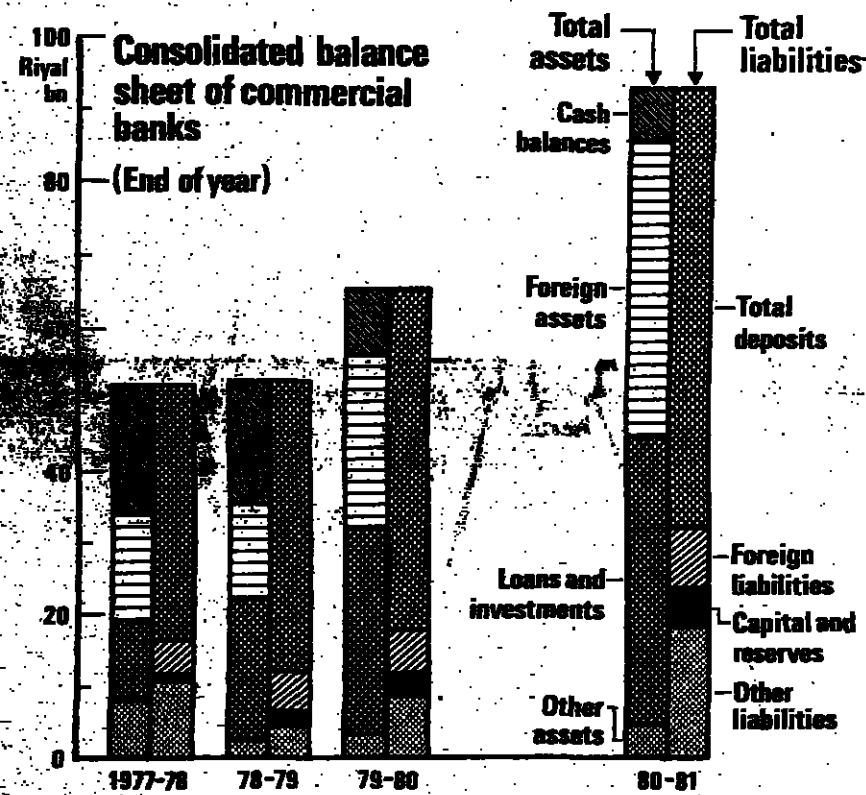


Gulf states receive 2,150 tons of dates

AHSA'A, Feb. 9 (SPA) — Over 2,150 tons of dates and 1,100 plant saplings were exported to Arab Gulf states during the last three months. Agriculture and Water Resources Ministry Branch Director Ahmad Ismael said exports were made from Ash'a'a region, in the Eastern Province.

He added that the ministry approved implementation of three agricultural projects in Ash'a'a region. Two of the projects, with a total cost of nearly SR8 million (about \$2.3 million), relate to raising sheep and poultry.

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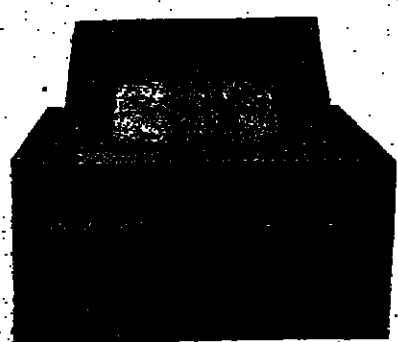
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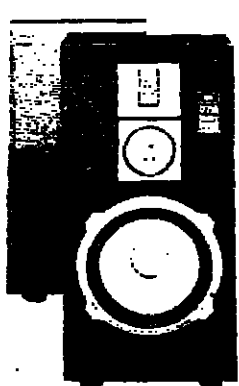
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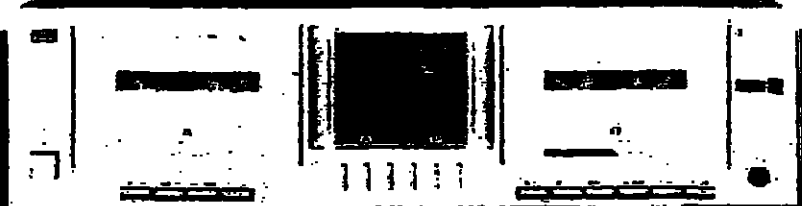
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Failure to make Israel pull out

U.S. losing credibility--Fahoum

ALGIERS, Feb. 9 (AP) — The Palestinians are "beginning to doubt the credibility of America" because of the United States' failure to put pressure on Israel to withdraw its forces from Lebanon or influence Israeli policy on the West Bank, said a top PLO leader in an interview. He predicted Washington will eventually have to accept an independent Palestinian state "as the result of our struggle, escalating politically and militarily in the occupied territories." The young generation is "getting more extremist than our generation," said Khalid Fahoum, chairman of the Palestine National Council.

The council scheduled to meet here next week, will reject the American plan for peace in the Mideast and demand for an independent Palestinian state, he said.

Fahoum, head of the PNC, the Palestine Liberation Organization's Parliament in exile, said that in spite of reports to the contrary, there are no "major differences" between the various Palestinian groups within the PLO.

"There are some points which are going to be discussed here in Algiers again on Feb. 10, four before the PNC," Fahoum told the Associated Press. "I can't say that there are very major differences, and without any doubt, we are agreed regarding the strategy and even regarding the tactics."

The PNC meeting, scheduled to begin Monday in the Algerian capital, is the first the organization has held since the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. A number of preliminary meetings between groups have been held in Aden, Damascus and Tunis.

"The differences are not as they have been pictured in some of the press, particularly in the West, that there are differences that might lead to a split," Fahoum said. "No there will be no split, I am sure of that 100 percent."

He said U.S. President Ronald Reagan's plan will be discussed, but a "big majority" will reject it because it "doesn't refer the Palestinians as a people, as a nation."

All transmission lines cut

Fighters snap Kabul power

NEW DELHI, Feb. 9 (Agencies) — Freedom fighters cut the main power lines to Kabul last week, leaving the Afghan capital almost without electricity for three days in the heart of the icy winter. Western diplomatic reports said here.

All four transmission lines to Kabul from the Naghlu and Sarobi generating stations east of the capital were cut Friday night, said the reports.

For the next three days, the only electricity reaching Kabul came from a small 15-to-20 megawatt diesel-powered generator at Pol-e-Charki, 10 kilometers to the east. The outage lasted until Monday night and affected all parts of the city of about 1 million people. It marked the first time this winter that Afghan government officials and Soviet troops and personnel were without electricity. They have always had priority during outages and outages in the past.

One report said the power cut left Kabul "darker than at any time during this long and cold winter." Travelers returning from Afghanistan have said Kabul has received less snow than normal this winter, but it has been colder than usual with temperatures dropping well below zero degrees Fahrenheit.

Electric heaters are an important source of heat for many Kabul residents.

The attempts to deny Kabul electricity apparently mark a change in resistance strategy in war against the Soviet-backed regime of President Babrak Karmal and the estimated 105,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan.

The freedom fighters have not bothered the power supply the past two winters since the Soviet intervention in December 1979. They now apparently feel the psychological value of bringing the war home to residents of the capital is worth any loss of sympathy the tactic might bring.

So far, Kabul residents continue to blame the government and the Soviets, even though they know the power cuts are being caused by the freedom fighters, the report said.

Meanwhile, an Afghan helicopter crashed Saturday on the outskirts of Kabul, killing the pilot. Reports said it had been hit by ground fire while on a mission west of the capital. Ammunition on the craft that exploded shortly after the crash wounded civilians who rushed to the scene.

In Sudan, a representative of the Afghan Mujahideen group Tuesday renewed the call for a complete withdrawal of Soviet occupation forces from Afghanistan, and said the Mujahideen would continue fighting until they liberated their lands.

The Sudan News Agency quoted Nimatallah Asalaty as saying he was going to establish a permanent office for the Mujahideen in the Sudanese capital in response to President Jaafar Numeiri's invitation at the third Islamic summit conference convened in Taif, two years ago.

He said that the Mujahideen receive material and political assistance from Islamic countries particularly Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates state and Pakistan.

He dismissed the possibility of the PNC discussing any form of self-government short of full independence.

Fahoum said it was unlikely the council would discuss forming a provisional Palestinian government because that could cause divisions among Palestinians and other Arabs.

The countries which recognize the PLO as the sole legitimate representative will not recognize this provisional government. Maybe it would create a sort of a split now. We don't want any splits."

There is no question of normalization of relations with Egypt as long as it maintains its Camp David policy, Fahoum said.

"I don't think we are going to strengthen the (Egyptian) regime by making contacts with it while it maintains its Camp David policy. Of course we are going to do our best to have the regime come back to the Arab world."

He said the PLO accepts the Fez summit resolutions because they are "the political ground that puts all the Arabs together backing this plan. We need to have Arab solidarity because any Arab split without any doubt causes harm and damage to the Palestinian cause."

Beirut aide sees end to deadlock

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP) — Lebanon's national security adviser, predicting a break in stalemate negotiations, said that the border with Israel may be cleared of all but permanent residents and new electronic measures taken to prevent commando attacks.

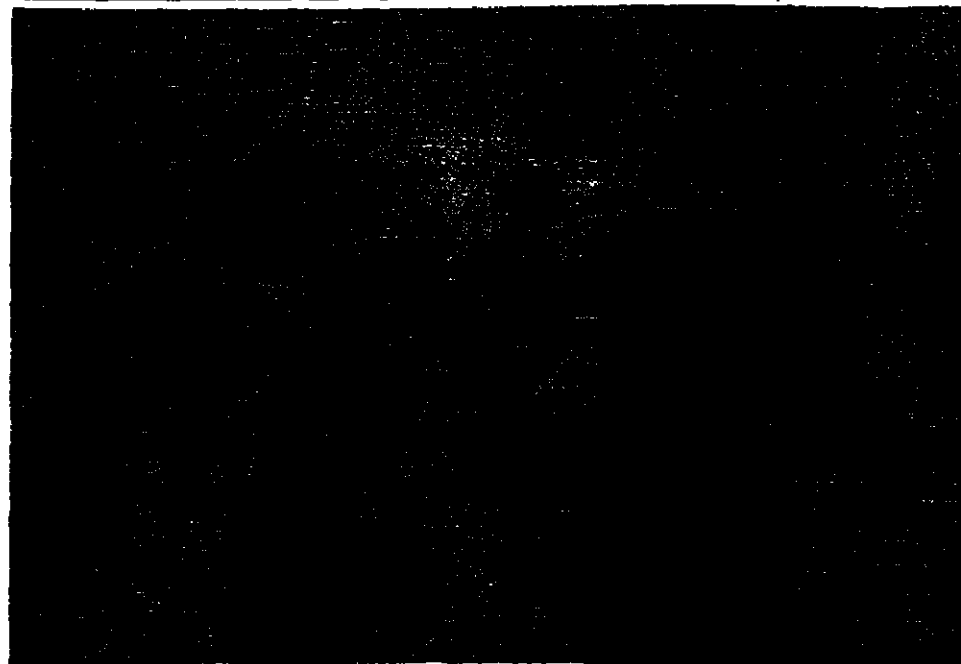
Wadi Haddad, here for talks with Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and other U.S. policymakers, said the return of special American mediator Philip Habib to the talks could crack the deadlock.

"There are four or five things being discussed and I hope to see progress on most of them," Haddad said.

Taking a cue from President Ronald Reagan, he accused Israel of being "occupiers" of his country. "We are furious about that," said the former World Bank official.

Declining to discuss Habib's instructions, Haddad said he was sent back to the talks with new ideas that could be productive in breaking the impasse "in the next few days."

"As far as Lebanon is concerned," he said, "foreign armies are inducing instability and violence in the areas under their occupation."



DEMONSTRATION: Iranian students seen demonstrating in Rome Tuesday against the Khomeini regime in Iran. At right, a student wearing a Khomeini mask holds a chain symbolizing repression in his country.

By Iranian students

Anti-Khomeini rally staged

ROME, Feb. 9 (AP) — Seven chain-dragging Iranian students marched through central Rome Tuesday to face a mock firing squad during an anti-Khomeini demonstration marking the first anniversary of the killing of a rebel leader in Iran.

The demonstration, organized by the Association of Muslim Students, sympathizers of the Mujahideen Khalq trying to topple Iranian revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini, was followed by dozens of slogan-chanting youths.

One demonstrator in a Khomeini mask staged a mock arrest and beating of the seven students who were dragged to Piazza Venezia, Rome's busiest square. Police reported

no incidents.

Organizers of the movement said they wanted to draw public attention to human rights violations in Iran and commemorate the death of Musa Khomeini, a resistance leader reportedly shot by Iranian troops with 18 others a year ago.

They said similar demonstrations were scheduled in Great Britain, France, the United States and Switzerland.

The organizers said Khomeini's regime has carried out 25,000 executions and has jailed 60,000 political dissidents. They also accused the Tehran regime of having sent 200,000 Iranians to their deaths in the Iran-Iraq war.

American team to visit Middle East

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP) — U.S. Representative Neal Smith will lead a delegation of 10 House of Representatives members slated to depart later this week on a 12-day inspection trip to the Middle East. Smith's office announced Tuesday.

Smith, a Democrat from Iowa, is chairman of the appropriations subcommittee which oversees funding for State, Commerce and Justice Departments.

"The countries involved in this inspection include those with whom we have a large

U.K. names envoy to South Yemen

LONDON, Feb. 9 (R) — Britain is to post an ambassador in South Yemen after a break of 7 years, the Foreign Office said. Britain withdrew its ambassador in 1975 for economy reasons.

A Foreign Office spokesman said Ambassador Peter Williams would replace the present charge of affairs because of an increase in the workload at the embassy in Aden.

BRIEFS

NAIROBI, (AP) — Eritrean fighters have claimed in Somalia they captured two Ethiopian Army installations at Folely and Bannabzy, in the gash area of Eritrea, killing 70 Ethiopian troops and wounding 110 others. Mogadishu radio reported Wednesday.

PARIS, (AFP) — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi said in a French television interview that Libya would never intervene again in Chad, wrecked by civil war for most of the past 14 years and occupied two years ago by thousands of Libyan troops.

DHAKA, (R) — More than 150 senior civil servants have been compulsorily retired from their posts after defying orders to return home from lucrative jobs abroad, the military government of Bangladesh announced Wednesday.

BEIRUT, (AFP) — Lebanese Army chief Gen. Mourir Tarabay resigned Tuesday, becoming one of 104 high-ranking officers to quit recently in accordance with government plans to restructure the army, Lebanese political sources said.

BONN, (AFP) — Sadegh Tabatabai, a close aide of Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini, may benefit from diplomatic immunity in charges against him for drugs possession, it was reported Tuesday.

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Spectacular pictures received

U.S. earth satellite will help forecast harvests

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP) — America's newest earth resources satellite is producing pictures so clear they should vastly improve the world's ability to forecast harvests, locate minerals and manage water supplies, U.S. space agency officials reported.

"We're receiving some spectacular images," said Samuel W. Lee, director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Tuesday. "But their real value is not that they are just pretty pictures of the earth, but what they can tell us about the earth."

The pictures are relayed by a device called a thermal mapper on the Landsat 4 satellite launched last July. It charts terrain, mountains, deserts, water and other features at seven places in the electromagnetic spectrum that are formed by computer into high-resolution photographs.

The improvement over earlier Landsat satellites results from far broader coverage of the spectrum. A picture of Washington relayed from 705 kms up, for example, clearly showed such landmarks as the Pentagon, the Washington Monument, the Capitol and the White House. The photo was one of several displayed by NASA officials at

a news conference reporting on the initial six images of Landsat 4 operations.

Henry Mannheimer, Landsat project manager, said the thermal mapper is far more sophisticated and effective than the multi-spectral scanners carried on earlier Landsat satellites. This latest model also has such a scanner, whose data complement those of the mapper.

Both transmit individual images of an area 185 by 185 kms, but the mapper clearly shows features as small as 90 feet compared with about 250 feet for the scanner. In agricultural surveys, the scanner images often could not differentiate between certain crops.

Using mapper data, overall crop classification accuracy has improved 25 percent, and the images are particularly useful for distinguishing such crops as rice and soybeans, reported Dr. Vincent Salomonson, Landsat project scientist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center.

Another project scientist, Dr. Mark Settle, reporting on geological surveys, said Landsat 4 has been particularly effective in identifying certain types of clay minerals commonly associated with metal deposits.

Baby born to dead mother dies

SOUTHAMPTON, England, Feb. 9 (AP) — A baby boy delivered two days after his mother had been declared clinically dead of a stroke died Tuesday night after a 23-day struggle for life, a hospital official reported.

Stephen Campion, administrator at Southampton's Princess Anne Hospital, said the baby, Michael Terry Hickmott, died of cardio-respiratory failure associated with brain damage. The 11-week premature baby was delivered by caesarian section on Jan. 16, two days after his mother, 20-year-old Susan Hickmott, was declared clinically dead after suffering a massive stroke.

The father, Philip Hickmott, 23, had pleaded with doctors to go ahead with the birth despite warnings the baby might be handicapped. Hickmott told doctors he had

promised his wife long before that he would try to save their baby if she became terminally ill during pregnancy.

Campion said Hickmott went almost every day to the hospital to see his son in an incubator and although he was not able to pick the baby up, he could touch him and hold his hands and feet. The hospital administrator said the baby had been fed intravenously since he was born weighing only 2 pounds, 5 ounces (1.06 kg) and had hardly put on any weight.

Mrs. Hickmott, who was clinically dead shortly after being admitted to hospital, was attached to a life-support system so that doctors could discuss with her husband whether to attempt the delivery.

Thapa, Thatcher discuss relations

LONDON, Feb. 9 (AFP) — Nepalese Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa talked here Tuesday with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on "wide-ranging world issues," Nepalese sources said.

A British official spokesman said the main subjects were "the Afghan and Cambodian situations, the prospect of the next non-aligned summit in Delhi in March, and bilateral matters." The spokesman said that Mrs. Thatcher conveyed "her majesty's thanks for the Gurkhas' contribution to the British armed forces," particularly their contribution during the Falklands campaign.

Cooperation between Britain and Nepal in development matters was the main bilateral topic during these talks, officials said. A British spokesman said the Nepalese prime minister indicated "a number of areas for development where British aid was sought."

Earlier, Thapa had lunch with Foreign Secretary Francis Pym. They discussed the next non-aligned summit, Afghanistan, and Cambodia, a Nepalese spokesman said.

Thapa hosted a reception for the Nepalese community in London Tuesday. He left for Washington Wednesday, where he will undergo eye treatment, an aide said.



VIETNAMESE AGITATORS: Vietnamese refugees chant anti-Communist slogans on the University of Southern California campus Sunday, while picketing the opening session of a four-day conference featuring a gallery of Vietnam War experts.

Palestinian grocer shot dead in Houston

HOUSTON, Feb. 9 (AP) — Fearing that a burglar who had broken into his store might return, an immigrant Palestinian grocer decided to stand guard all night with a pistol. The next morning, police found him shot to death.

"He was just a hard-working man. He was just trying to make it, trying to take care of his family," said Nihad Foty, brother of 26-year-old Imad Foty, whose body was found in his store Monday. Police said Tuesday they had no suspects in the slaying.

Foty, a Palestinian, had arrived in the United States penniless and purchased Zabak's drive-in grocery in southeast Houston five years ago from his father-in-law Salix Zabak. Foty, who worked 12 hours

seven days a week, had just finished celebrating his wedding anniversary Sunday evening when he returned to the store to find a broken restroom window. Zabak said he and his son-in-law nailed two boards across the window, but detective Bill Owen said Foty was reluctant to leave because the intruder had torn away two burglar bars.

"Obviously, the complainant felt like they could gain access again so he felt it better to stay," Owen said. He said Foty had guarded the store all night after previous burglaries.

Foty, armed with a .38-caliber pistol, decided to stay in the store all night. He talked on the telephone shortly after midnight to his wife, Leila, and assured her he was OK. But when she telephoned again in

the morning, there was no answer. She went to the store, found the front door locked, the window boards broken, and called police.

They found Foty's body in the back of the store, next to the restroom. He had been shot in the neck several times with a large-caliber handgun. Zabak said that during the first burglary, some change and a gun were stolen. Owen said that after Foty reported the burglary, four patrol officers went through the store and a police helicopter searched surrounding roofs.

"All I can tell you is there was nobody in there," Owen said. "I think it's a pretty good possibility the person who was there the first time was the one who broke in the second time."

Brazilians rush to buy tickets for carnival

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 9 (AP) — Some persons fainted, cried and camped out for days just to buy a ticket to Rio de Janeiro's most famous holiday: Carnival, a five-day parade extravaganza celebrated by thumping Samba drums, outrageous, glittery costumes and an array of women.

Thousands of people, surrounded by troopers from the shock battalion of the Rio de Janeiro state police, converged on Maracana Soccer Stadium Tuesday to buy tickets for Sunday's carnival parade. Some camped out for a week waiting to buy tickets. Many fainted in the human crush in 90-degree (32 Celsius) south American summer heat. Others broke into tears when late-arriving invaders pushed and shoved their way into the lines.

"It's not fair. It's not fair," cried Mrs. Albertina Dos Santos, 45, complaining others had elbowed her out of a place she said she was saving for several days. It was a happy ending for Doracy Proenca da Silva, a housewife who said she had been in line for 10 days, deliriously shouting to anyone who would listen: "All the effort and sacrifice was worth it" and, holding her precious tickets up for the crowd to see, she exclaimed, "I did it, I did it!"

Those who were able to buy the 29,000 parade tickets on sale to the public got great bargains. The official prices range from \$3.60 to \$29.

The rest of the 62,000 grandstand seats are destined for tourists and local high rollers, and the cheapest ones cost \$80. Private boxes for rich dignitaries and their guests were sold for \$13,000.

The Rio parade, which lasts 18 hours, features the city's 12 best "Samba schools" neighborhood clubs that create original Sambas and then perform them, complete with glittering costumes, banners and floats.

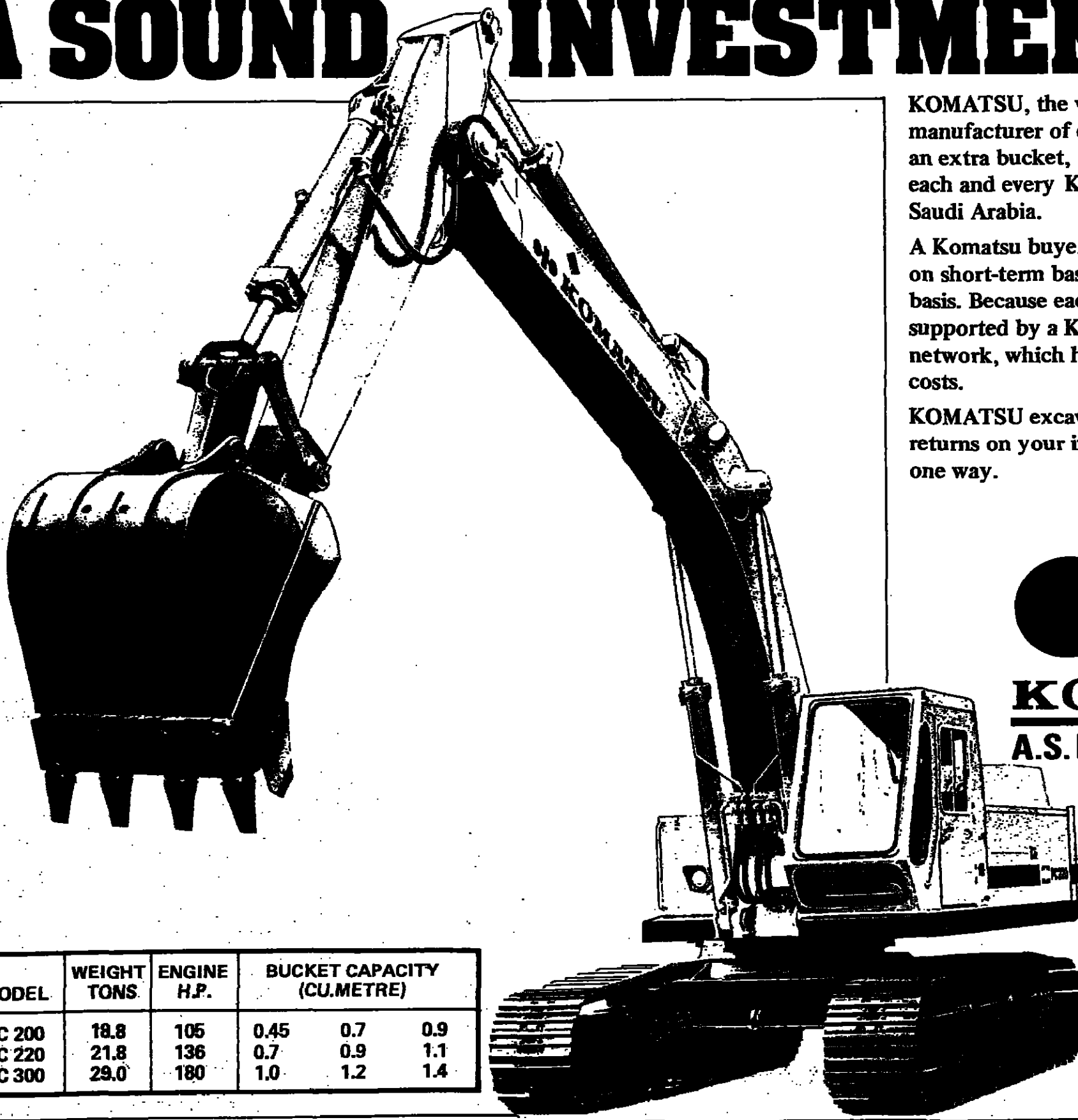
Truck accidents kill 32 Indians

NEW DELHI, Feb. 9 (AP) — At least 32 persons were killed in two truck accidents Tuesday on northern and western India, the United News of India said.

Two trucks, one carrying laborers, crashed at a crossing in Gujarat state, north of Bombay, killing 20 and injuring 25, the news agency said.

At least 12 persons drowned and many were injured when a truck plunged into a river near Patna, northwest of Calcutta, it reported.

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Prospective presidential candidate

Brazil scandal involves intelligence agency chief

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 9 (AP) — The head of Brazil's intelligence agency — a leading candidate to become the nation's next president — has been drawn into a scandal involving the apparent murder of a journalist and the secret financing of a magazine he owned.

Gen. Octavio de Aguiar Medeiros, who has a chance to succeed President Joao Figueiredo in 1985, was dragged into the case with the recent publication of a dossier implicating him and his service in an alleged plan to revive *Cruzeiro* magazine, apparently as an intelligence agency vehicle. The dossier allegedly was compiled by Alexandre von Baumgarten, a right-wing journalist whose body was found on a beach with two gunshots to the head and one to the abdomen. Medeiros claims he never knew Baumgarten, and the intelligence service has formally denied any involvement with him. "My hands are clean," Medeiros told reporters last week.

Figueiredo led the intelligence service before becoming president in 1979, although he is not implicated in the case. The scandal broke three months after a body was found on the Atlantic shore about 32 kms south of Rio de Janeiro's Panema beach. The victim whose body had badly deteriorated, was identified by relatives as Baumgarten.

Baumgarten was reputed to have close ties with the intelligence community. Friends say he participated in the planning of Brazil's

Ban chemical weapons in Europe, SDP says

BONN, Feb. 9 (AP) — The leadership of the opposition Social Democrats Party called Tuesday for the creation of a chemical weapons free zone in central Europe.

Social Democrats spokesman Wolfgang Clement said the party would press both NATO and Warsaw Pact countries for an agreement to ban chemical weapons from the region if it wins power in West Germany's March 6 national elections. The party's steering committee agreed to call for the weapons-free zone in a meeting led by Hans-Jochen Vogel, the Social Democrats' candidate for chancellor. Clement told reporters here.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, leader of the minority Free Democrats, supported the Social Democrats' demand, and said that West Germany has long promoted an agreement between the East and West banning chemical weapons. Clement said a ruling Social Democrat government would press the 19 governments taking part in the Vienna-based central European troop reduction talks to agree to ban chemical weapons in their countries.

1964 military coup. His undertaking with the once-popular magazine *Cruzeiro*, which specialized in photos and news coverage, failed and he left the publication.

Last October, he and his wife disappeared on a fishing trip in Rio's Guanabara Bay, along with the fishing boat captain and his craft. Then on Jan. 30, the news magazine *Veja* published a dossier it said Baumgarten had prepared with the instruction: "To be opened in case there should occur the death of, or any violence to, Alexandre von Baumgarten."

The magazine said Baumgarten had sent copies of the 74-page dossier to 11 persons, including some outside the country. In the dossier as published by *Veja*, Baumgarten claimed that, starting in 1979, the intelligence service had financed and provided mandatory editorial copy for *Cruzeiro*. But after promising the equivalent of \$4 million in financial aid, the intelligence service soured on Baumgarten's management, and forced him to turn over effective control of the magazine to a company run by ex-military officers.

In the published version of the dossier, Baumgarten said the intelligence service persuaded the company to take over the failing magazine by arranging a lucrative timber exploitation contract with another government agency. He added that the intelligence service threatened him while forcing him out of the magazine, and he implied he knew of other shady activities involving the intelligence agency. He said he began to fear for his life.

The document published by *Veja* adds: "On this date (Jan. 28, 1981) it is certain that my physical extinction has already been decided by the intelligence service. My only doubt is if that decision was taken on the level of ministry chief Gen. Octavio de Aguiar Medeiros, or if it stayed on the level of chief of the Central Agency of the SNI, Gen. Newton de Araujo Oliveira D' Cruz."

According to material in the dossier, Baumgarten says he had written a letter to Medeiros giving the history of his dealings with the service. A note issued by the intelligence agency admitted Baumgarten had talked to agency officials about financing the magazine, but said the officials had merely passed the request on to other government agencies.

President Figueiredo, through his press spokesman, has referred to the case as "a subject of secondary importance," and federal officials say they will leave the investigation to local authorities. The intelligence service said it will not investigate the case but stay abreast of it.

The armed forces, whose support is vital to the government, have so far stayed out of the case.

Melbourne blacked out in dust storm

MELBOURNE, Feb. 9 (AP) — Melbourne was thrown into darkness in mid-afternoon Tuesday as a huge dust storm whipped up by scorching winds blew across the state of Victoria.

By mid-afternoon, visibility was down to 100 meters and the temperature had risen to 43.2 degrees C (109 F), a record for February. The city's three airports were closed, train lines buckled, power lines blew down and thousands of workers walked off the jobs in the freakish conditions.

The weather bureau said the dust storm was caused by severe drought conditions throughout the state and a squally southwest wind which preceded a cool change. In the city, it appeared as though there had been a total eclipse as motorists turned on their lights and pedestrians covered their faces with handkerchiefs to keep out the swirling grit.

Malta threatens foreign diplomats with expulsion

VALLETTA, Feb. 9 (AFP) — Malta has threatened to expel foreign diplomats if they maintain links with the opposition Nationalist Party which considers elections held over a year ago here were invalid.

The warning, issued Monday night in the Maltese parliament by the Labor government's Foreign Minister Alex Sciberras, was reported in *The Times* here Tuesday. "Foreign diplomats in Malta have been warned that they will be considered persona non grata if they maintain links with the Nationalist (Christian Democratic) Party treating it either as the official opposition or the legitimate government of Malta," said the minister.

The government warning had been served on the American, British, Australian, West German and French diplomatic missions Jan. 10 but the embassies had all claimed the right to maintain contacts with the Nationalist Party, he reported.

3 blacks shot dead

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 9 (AP) — Soldiers and police shot dead three armed black guerrillas who were trapped in a ravine after a three-day manhunt, the commissioner of police said Tuesday.

Gen. Mike Geldenhuys said the three men were armed with Soviet-designed AK-47 rifles, ammunition and hand grenades when they were cornered and shot in a skirmish. The incident occurred in the Paulpietersburg district, about 50 kilometers from the Swaziland border in eastern South Africa.



SNOW IN KENT: Kent and adjoining areas have been covered with snow. Here, a couple is seen walking through snow in the Kentish village of Ecting Hill Tuesday.

Refuses to revoke citizenship

U.S. judge orders trial of war criminal

UNIONDALE, New York, Feb. 9 (AP) — A federal judge refused Tuesday to summarily revoke the U.S. citizenship of an accused Nazi war criminal because "justice and fairness" required a trial.

Judge George C. Pratt, a circuit court judge who is handling the lower court case because of a judicial shortage, found that evidence of Elmar Sprogis' conduct as a Latvian police chief was not overwhelming enough to support the government request to deport him. "In the court's view, the government's evidence alone is insufficient to establish the defendant's involvement in persecution in such a way as to leave the issue free from doubt," Pratt wrote. "A trial is needed to provide the court with more information and to permit the court, where necessary or appropriate, to draw inferences from the sparse evidence."

Sprogis, 67, of Brentwood, is accused of falsely entering the United States after World War II by concealing participation in the killing of Jews and Soviet prisoners while a police official in Latvia. He has denied the allegations.

In its request for summary judgment by Pratt, the government claimed Sprogis' statements "clearly establish that he participated in the persecution of Jews." Pratt countered that Sprogis did not conceal his service as a police officer when he came to the United States in 1950 and his application for admission was granted. "Justice and fairness require further inquiry into the reasons for this apparent contradiction," Pratt wrote.

The judge added that while it was clear that Sprogis "had a role" in the persecution of Jews, "it is not so clear that his role could

fairly be characterized as falling within the statutory standard of assisting the enemy in persecuting civil populations." Pratt said Sprogis had acknowledged he knew about the arrest of Jews and orders to arrest Jews. "He was also aware that arrested Jews were being exterminated," Pratt said.

But he noted that Sprogis also claimed his knowledge of the events came "on about July 19, 1941, only three days after he had begun his duties." Pratt, in ordering both sides to prepare for a September trial, said if Sprogis signed a statement that he had never persecuted Jews "it may well be that his signing, more than 10 years after the events, an affidavit that spoke only in conclusive terms of persecution cannot fairly be viewed as a willful misrepresentation if indeed it was a misrepresentation at all."

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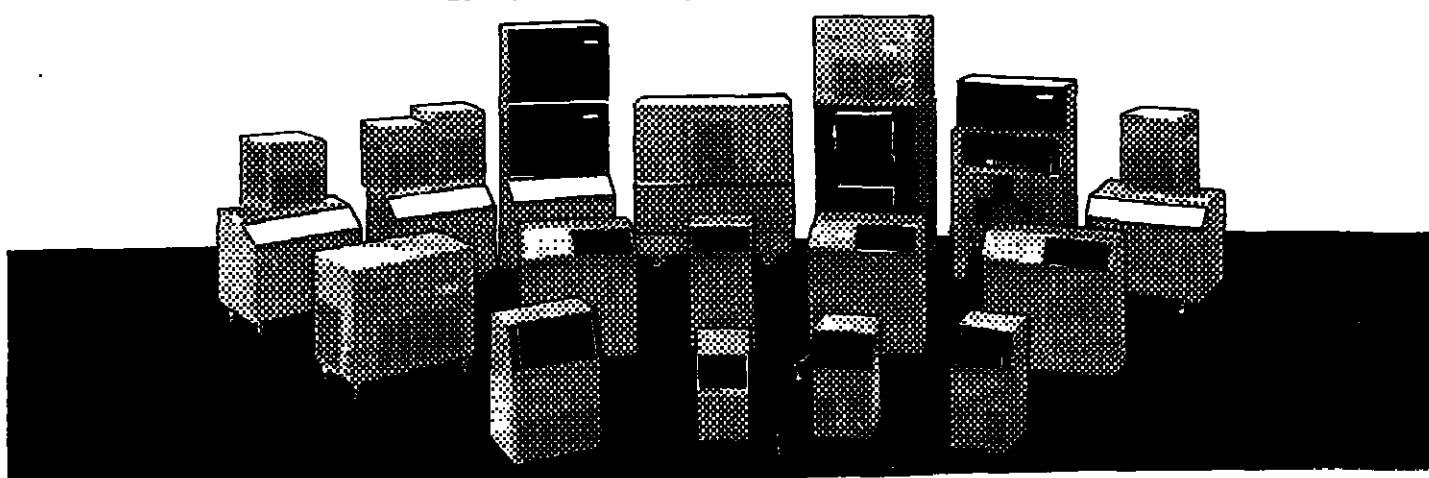
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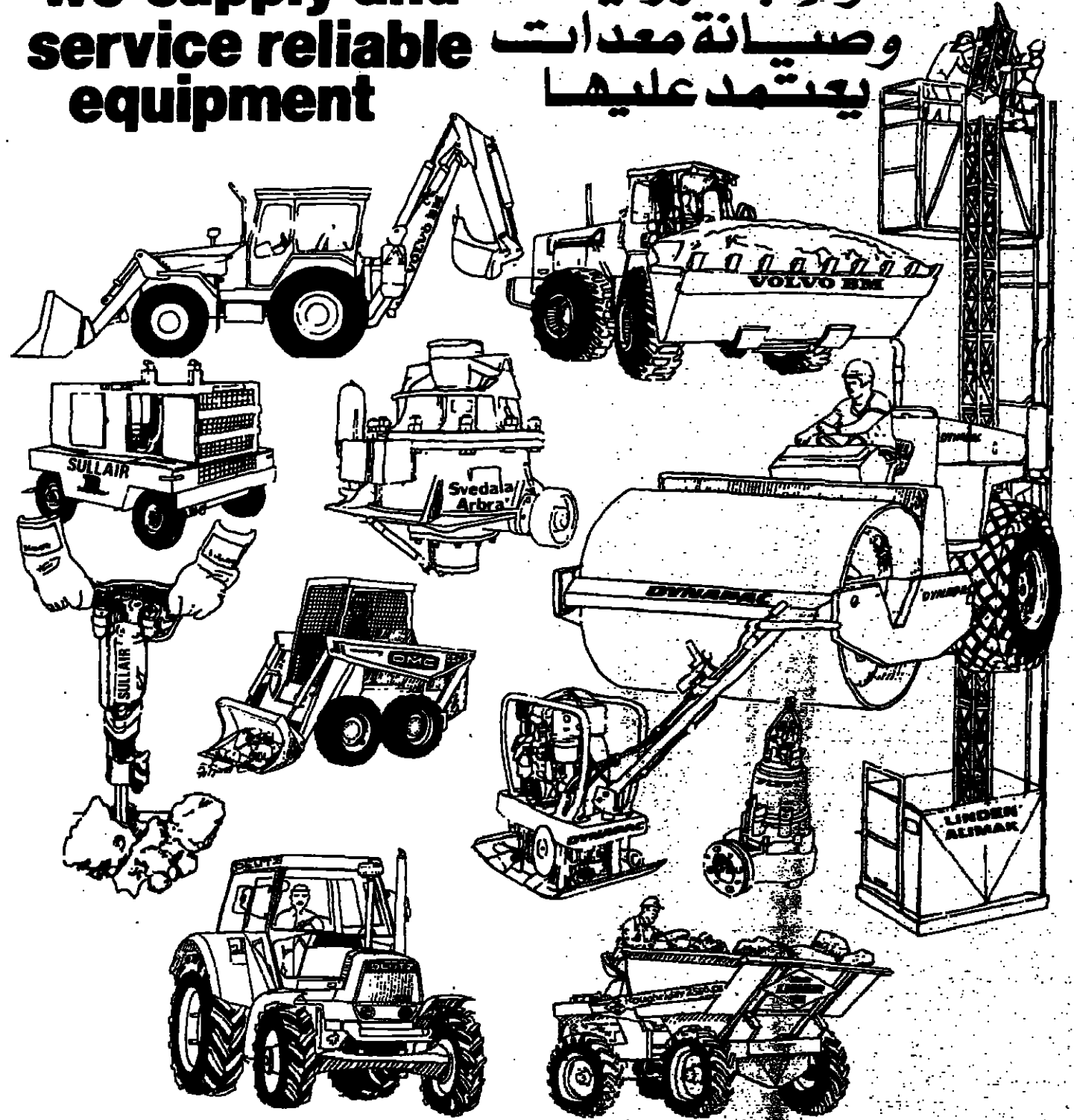
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Commonwealth seized of the problem

Unscientific weights hit 3rd World trade

By Asif Khan

SYDNEY, (Depthnews) — In a report to the U.S. Senate in 1981, Secretary of State John Quincy Adams said: "Weights and measures are necessary to every occupation of human industry; to the distribution and security of every species of property; to every transaction of trade and commerce."

What Quincy Adams said more than 160 years ago is equally true today; perhaps even more so.

Yet, the significance of weights and measures is not fully recognized in many developing countries where inadequate, or even a lack of, systems are retarding progress. Efforts to earn foreign exchange through exports are particularly affected. Importers are often reluctant to buy from countries where internationally accepted systems of weights and measures and quality controls do not exist.

A group of experts in metrology — the science of weights and measures — who recently met in Australia called for efforts to create greater awareness both among the public and governments, of the important part this particular branch of knowledge plays in development. They felt that developing nations should improve their systems as part of their development efforts.

The experts suggested use of the media, including special films and video cassettes on metrology, to achieve this aim. They also recommended the publication of a regular newsletter containing information on metrology, to be circulated to all countries taking part in an international metrology program.

The meeting took place at the National Measurement Laboratory of Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO) in Sydney.

An important activity of the laboratory, part of CSIRO's Division of Applied Physics, is the maintenance of the Australian standards of measurement of physical quantities

and cooperation with other countries establishing their own standards.

The experts met to review progress made by the Asia-Pacific Metrology Program, an initiative of the Commonwealth Science Council. The CSC, the main inter-governmental agency for promoting scientific cooperation in the Commonwealth, is also running similar programs for Africa and the Caribbean.

The Asia-Pacific Program was the first to be launched, in 1977, following a survey by the CSC of metrology facilities and standards organization in the Commonwealth. Then came the African program, in 1978, and the Caribbean one year later.

Projects covered by the programs include standards formulation, testing methods, calibration, metrology, inter-comparison, legal and industrial metrology, technology transfer training and information. These programs are helping member nations to establish, maintain and update national standards of physical measurements at internationally-accepted levels of accuracy.

Their main aim is to bring about uniformity of weights and measures and to upgrade national standards in developing countries.

The Asia-Pacific and the Caribbean programs are concerned with scientific and industrial metrology, while the main thrust of the African Program is on product standards and quality control.

Most Commonwealth countries of the three regions are taking part in the programs, which have attracted worldwide attention and financial support and collaboration from such bodies as UNESCO, the Australian Development Assistance Bureau (ADAB) and the Association for Science Cooperation in Asia.

Money has also been provided by the ADAB, the Commonwealth Foundation and the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation (CFTC), the developmental arm of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

The decision to start the Asia-Pacific Program, being coordinated by Trevor Jones of CSIRO, was taken at a meeting of metrologists at the National Physical Laboratory in New Delhi, India.

Countries taking part in the program are Australia, Bangladesh, Fiji, Hongkong, India, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Singapore and Sri Lanka, all in the Commonwealth. Non-Commonwealth participants are China, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Nepal, Philippines, Pakistan and Thailand.

Activities carried out under the program so far include:

— Training courses and workshops;
— On-the-job training for metrologists in Australia and India;

— Publication of two regional directories containing information on the standards and calibration capacity of each member country;

— Establishment of working groups to examine metrology needs of members;

— Consultancy assignments undertaken by experts in Bangladesh, Hongkong, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mauritius, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand;

— Establishment of bilateral agreement between India and Sri Lanka resulting in frequent exchange visits by metrologists in the two countries.

The program has contributed to positive developments in countries like Bangladesh, which has acquired secondary mass standards and recruited young scientists and engineers to man its metrology activities.

Hongkong is in the process of establishing an electrical standards laboratory, and Mauritius an industrial metrology laboratory. Dr. Azam Khan, from Bangladesh, a deputy secretary of the CSC, who has been associated with the program since its inception, said it had achieved "considerable success in its half a decade of existence."

He added: "It has expanded in technical

scope and geographical boundary and has become a fine example of regional cooperation in science and technology."

Dr. Upali Srimath Kuruppu, a program specialist with UNESCO's regional office in Jakarta, Indonesia who was at the meeting, congratulated the CSC on its initiative in launching the program.

Dr. Kuruppu, a former Vice Chancellor of the University of Moratuwa in Sri Lanka who has been closely associated with the program, said: "The scientific community has a responsibility to create awareness among planners, and even politicians, of the important role of metrology in development. 'The program has many achievements to its credit — UNESCO is honored to be involved with it."

The meeting coincided with a 10-day training workshop for metrologists from both Commonwealth and non-Commonwealth developing countries of the region.

Plasma tech for gas supply

STOCKHOLM (SIP) — A new application of SKF Steel Engineering's plasma technology which yields cheap, energy-rich gas that is harmless to both the environment and health is being considered for the production of urban gas supplies in Gothenburg on the Swedish west coast. Called plasmaenergy, and claimed to make gas once more competitive compared to other forms of energy, the process is based on a coal gasification method used in a plasma technology process at SKF's sponge-iron mill at Hofors. In Gothenburg, it would produce gas from steam coal in a cracked gas works presently manufacturing 50 million cubic meters of gas annually from butane, which costs twice as much as steam coal per energy unit.

Coal gasification with the plasmaenergy process is carried out with raw material in the form of coal and reaction heat in the form of electricity via a plasma generator. In terms of energy, 65 percent consists of coal and the remainder electricity, from which 75 percent is extracted as energy-rich gas and 15-20 percent as hot water. In Gothenburg, the latter would be utilized in the city's district heating network.

The plasmaenergy process is said to be free from environmental problems since gasification takes place without the use of air or oxygen. As a result, there is no risk of emissions of sulphur dioxide, nitric oxide. More than 99 percent of the sulphur in the coal can be effectively separated.

Another advantage is that it can be used on a small scale — it uses 1-10 megawatt generators — and is thus more flexible than currently-used coal gasification techniques, which are profitable only on a large scale.

DINING ROOM: The space village under study will have eight pods one of which is a dining room with two levels but no separating floor.

Building space villages

By Daniel Raby

WASHINGTON — In the 25 years since humans expanded their horizons beyond planet Earth, space has been the subject of grand explorations and profound scientific discoveries. But, except in communications, its commercial promise has been little exploited. Opportunities for mining, manufacturing, and energy generation in space are unlimited, but such activities will require the presence of workers for extended stays. Where will these space pioneers live, and how will they deal with the problems of life without gravity in space?

Three years ago, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration asked a group of researchers from the University of Houston in Texas to study these questions and design a space residence for 100 workers. The result is Spacehab, a modular cluster of inflatable pods in which there is no up or down.

According to Professor Larry Bell, who headed the project, microgravity eliminates

many traditional design constraints, because "walls, floors, and ceilings are interchangeable." For example, sleeping areas need not be arranged horizontally. Spacehab residents would bed down in sleeping bags attached to the walls of private cubicles. Cubicles could be stacked every which way. Eating would be similarly topsy-turvy.

Spacehab's dining room is on two mirror-image levels — without floors or stairs. Diners would simply float in and anchor their trays and feet to circular mounts. For other functions, however, such as sanitary facilities and laboratory tables, it is necessary to simulate gravity with vacuum systems or directional air flows.

Most of the mechanical core of the pods would be assembled on Earth and delivered by space shuttle. The outside membranes — consisting of laminated layers of puncture-, heat-, and radiation-resistant materials — would be inflated in orbit.

(Courtesy: Popular Science)

Training in tropical medicine

LONDON (LPS) — A one-year degree course in tropical medicine, which includes opportunities for field projects in Africa and the Far East, will be launched by Liverpool University, northwest England, in September 1983.

The Master in Tropical Medicine course, to be held at Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, will provide instruction and training for medical graduates to study research methods relevant to endemic diseases in the tropics. The course comprises four segments covering formal instruction in tropical medicine, parasitology, entomology and epidemiology and statistics, with an option of an overseas posting.

Opportunities to work on a variety of clinical, epidemiological or laboratory-based projects will be offered by the Department of Medicine, University of Khartoum, Sudan; the Medical Research Council Laboratories, Fajara, Gambia; the Onchocerciasis Chemotherapy Research Center, Tamale, Ghana; the Clinical Research Center, Nairobi, Kenya; the Endemic Diseases Unit, Lilongwe, Malawi, and the Wellcome Unit, Bangkok, Thailand.

For those not wishing to carry out field projects overseas, the course offers the choice of the study of diagnostic parasitology, clinical pharmacology, biochemistry, histology and electron microscopy.

NEXT WEEK

Dr. Steincrohn discusses

Saturday, Feb. 12

Every year, about half a million Americans have gallbladder surgery. It's the fifth most commonly performed operation in the U.S.

Sunday, Feb. 13

Some women become more conscious of how they look during pregnancy than at other times. It gives them a good excuse to go on a diet which they considered foolish before they became pregnant. But of all reasons for going on a diet, pregnancy is certainly not the time to begin a weight-loss regime.

Monday, Feb. 14

Reluctance on either partner to take fertility tests could lead to a breakup of a marriage.

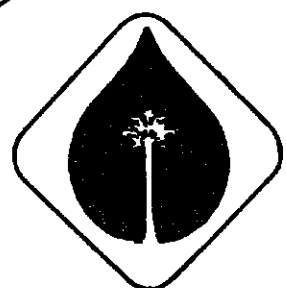


Tuesday, Feb. 15

"The real issue is not whether truth should be told (in a case of cancer) but whether there is a way of telling it responsibly. It should not be allowed to become a battering ram against the patient's morale, impairing his ability to cope with the greatest challenge of his life." (An excerpt from the JAMA.)

Wednesday, Feb. 16

In a partial quote from the JAMA of Sept. 16 1905 on tobacco: "Next to alcohol, there is probably no substance used by man which has been so vilified and condemned as tobacco ... It is injurious during childhood and youth — the evidence that it is to any great degree injurious to the mature adult is much less strong."



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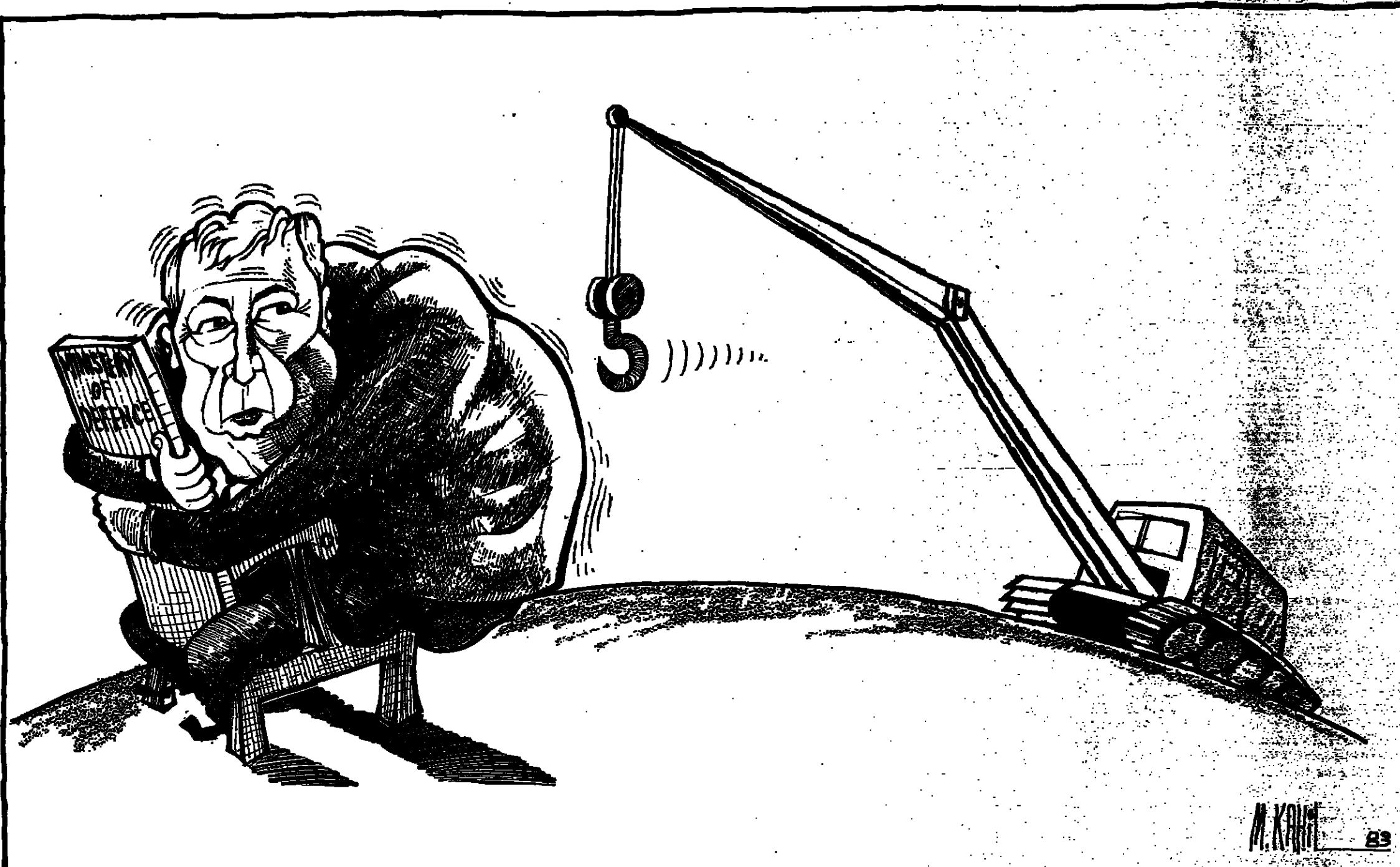
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Soviets working toward closer ties with Bonn

By Dusko Doder

Kremlin leaders have never fought an election campaign at home with such vigor and persistence as they are indirectly doing now in West Germany. The immediate Soviet objective is obvious. If the Social Democratic challenger Hans Jochen Vogel emerges victorious in the March 6 balloting, the planned deployment of new American nuclear arms in West Germany may be abandoned. But what is perhaps not so obvious is Moscow's long-term objectives as revealed in recent diplomacy between the two countries.

The almost exclusive public focus on the missile question during the recent visit to West Germany by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko has been somewhat misleading. The extraordinary thing about the visit was that Gromyko could be in West Germany in the midst of an election campaign without arousing controversy and that the visit itself came at the initiative of the incumbent Christian Democratic government of Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

From Moscow's point of view, this reflected a qualitative change in West Germany itself. The essence of Soviet effort to exploit this change was revealed by Gromyko during his Jan. 18 press conference in Bonn.

"We would like the Federal Republic of Germany," Gromyko said, "when building its relations with the Soviet Union to display its own self, to be guided by its own interests and not to yield to foreign influence if they do not meet these interests, the interests of maintaining good relations with the Soviet Union."

That Gromyko spoke about Germany's "self" is without precedent, particularly considering Moscow's fear of German nationalism during the first

two decades after World War II. What Gromyko sought to convey is Moscow's awareness of the emotional stirrings beneath the surface of West German public life reflected in the emergence of an anti-nuclear movement and the environmentalist party known as the Greens.

Since Hitler succeeded in discrediting German nationalism, the Russians view West Germany's emotional turmoil as being grounded in a resurgence of nationalism. There are at least three reasons leading the Russians toward encouraging what Gromyko delicately called Germany's "self."

One is that Moscow sees this nationalism as adopting an anti-American sentiment. Nobody here expects a significant weakening of West German-American ties. Yet the insensitivity of the Reagan administration toward West German problems has produced a perceptible change in these relations. One symbolic example is that while President Kennedy was able to ban West German exports of large-diameter pipes to Russia, Reagan's attempt to impose a similar embargo on the Siberian gas project ended in utter failure.

The second reason is France, which under President Francois Mitterrand has largely abandoned the late Charles de Gaulle's policy of nationalism and independence. While Bonn in the past was able to resist certain U.S. policies by finding allies in Paris, Mitterrand now has emerged as the strongest supporter of Washington on the question of deployment of new U.S. missiles in Western Europe.

The third and perhaps the main reason is the national question. Any Bonn government has to maintain ties with Moscow because this is the only way for West Germany to maintain links with East Germany. Even if the dream of a reunited Germany is not realistic at this stage, the links between the

two Germanys are psychologically and emotionally important.

Mitterrand's policy switch constitutes perhaps the most significant setback for Moscow in recent months in Europe. As long as the Franco-West German alliance functioned, Bonn was seen here as having leverage on Washington. With the French now reverting toward strategic cooperation with the United States, the Russians see their European policy as being seriously jeopardized.

In this context, West Germany is seen here as more isolated and more vulnerable than before. The Russians believe that irrespective of the outcome of the March 6 elections, no West German leader should be expected to sanction the actual deployment of 108 Pershing II nuclear missiles in West Germany.

Given the Soviet concern about these weapons, which are regarded here as a first-strike force, the Russians are expected to go to any length to prevent their deployment. Moscow has substantial political, economic and institutional resources to create major social turmoil within West Germany and the Russians believe that this is understood by all political figures in Bonn.

Although the Russians would obviously welcome a Social Democratic victory on March 6, it is worth noting that they have kept their contacts with Kohl's government open, seemingly in an effort to have both sides clearly understand the nature and extent of Soviet concerns.

The post-Brezhnev phase of Moscow-Bonn diplomacy came shortly after Leonid Brezhnev's funeral when his successor, Yuri Andropov, met with West German President Karl Carstens and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher. The West Germans raised the question of Gromyko's visit to Bonn, presumably because the Kohl government wanted to demonstrate that it was capable of con-

tinuing a dialogue with Moscow and thus acquire some political capital.

Andropov immediately agreed, apparently to show its interest in continuing close contacts with the conservative government despite its pro-American tendencies. But the Soviets promptly and discreetly arranged for Vogel's visit here, and they treated him as a head of government.

Not only did Andropov meet Vogel for two hours — more than any foreign leader thus far — but they also had a separate conversation with only an interpreter present. Vogel also met with Premier Nikolai Tikhonov to discuss economic issues and was briefed on the questions of arms control by the top military and diplomatic officials involved.

Given the standard nature of Moscow conversations, this one seemed to have reached a new level in openness and mutual understandings. Once Vogel's visit was over, Gromyko went to Bonn. His task was to give a detailed account to Kohl of Moscow's position and impress upon him that Bonn in the future cannot ignore Soviet concerns, particularly on an issue such as the Pershing II deployment. The same point was revealed indirectly but forcefully during Gromyko's press conference in Bonn.

"I shall to some extent divulge a secret," Gromyko said, "but I hope that there will be no rebuke on the part of Chancellor Kohl. At the end of the conversation I asked him directly whether I could, upon my return to Moscow, tell the Soviet leadership as a whole and General Secretary Yuri Andropov personally that the leadership of the Federal Republic of Germany favors détente, the course which positively manifested itself during a whole number of years in the relations between our two countries, and that this course will remain in force. The chancellor answered in the affirmative. (WP)

Former premier sees hopes of Namibian independence fading

By Richard Williams

JOHANNESBURG — Leading white politician Dirk Mudge, who has resigned as "prime minister" of the disputed territory of Namibia (Southwest Africa), says he sees little hope of independence for the country at present.

South Africa has ruled Namibia since 1915, later in defiance of United Nations resolutions. In 1979, pending U.N.-supervised elections which have still not been held, it set up an interim government under Mudge and his Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA) in an attempt to create a counterweight to the black nationalist Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO).

Mudge resigned as chairman of the council of ministers in January after accusing Pretoria of undermining his efforts to build a multiracial and pandering to Namibia's right-wing whites. The council was dissolved and South African Administrator-General Willie Van Niekerk now rules the country.

U.S. taking issue of Pacific isles to U.N.

By James Foley

SAIPAN Western Pacific — The United States is divesting itself of the administration of hundreds of strategically vital islands in the central and Western Pacific in a way which could be vetoed by the Soviet Union.

The Americans, who wrested the islands from the Japanese during World War II, administer them under a 1947 mandate from the United Nations Security Council. They are now preparing to grant them limited independence.

The U.S. Trust Territory Administration, located on this island some 1,500 miles south of Japan, is withering away as the four island groups form governments and prepare to enter a new relationship with Washington which, mindful of the military value of the islands, is insisting on maintaining responsibility for security in the region. This includes banning any future presence on the 2,100 islands of a third country such as the Soviet Union.

As a result, the Soviet Union could throw a spanner into the works with its veto in the Security Council, which must agree to the final arrangements made between Washington and the islands.

There is talk among politicians in the islands of Washington instead asking the U.N. Trusteeship Council, which operates on a majority vote and where the Russians have no veto, to sanction the

In his first interview since quitting office, Mudge, 55, told Reuters he saw little likelihood at present of an internationally recognized election that would bring the territory to independence after years of fruitless negotiations.

Mudge, a former farmer, is bitter about South Africa's treatment of his government, which he says was not allowed to dismantle remaining apartheid in Namibia. Schools, hospitals, and even the territory's transport system — controlled by the South African Railways — are still racially segregated despite the DTA's efforts to remove discrimination.

Mudge also complained that South Africa failed to keep his council of ministers informed of international negotiations between South Africa and interested countries aimed at solving the independence issue. During the early years of his government, Pretoria kept him posted about developments. "But lately for some reason they stopped even briefing us properly," he said.

Asked what South Africa is trying to achieve in the territory, and if it is sincerely attempting to

bring Namibia to independence, Mudge replied: "I'm even more confused than you are. I really don't know."

Accused by opponents such as SWAPO of being a stooge of the South Africans — an allegation he has always denied — Mudge and his ministers came into increasing conflict with Pretoria. The final break was made over the unlikely issue of public holidays. The DTA wanted to abolish South African public holidays in Namibia, but was prevented from doing so by former Administrator-General Danie Hough, whose term of office expired on Jan. 31.

Some of the holidays, such as the day of the covenant — which commemorates a 19th century victory by white pioneers over the powerful Zulu tribe — still exercise a strong emotional hold over most Afrikaners, who form a majority of the territory's 10,000 whites.

Mudge is a "Southwester," as Namibians, Afrikaners call themselves, who comes from a traditional Afrikaner background. He was a member of the territory's National Party, which has close ties

Federated States of Micronesia in the center. These islands stretch across the Pacific from southwest of Hawaii to southeast of the Philippines and provide, as they did during World War II, a military route from the United States to the heart of Asia.

The compacts have to be put to plebiscite in the islands, Palau is voting later this month and the federated states are expected to vote in the spring, but the Marshalls' plebiscite has been put off indefinitely because of a dispute which is fundamentally over money.

The U.S. will give them varying amounts of money over several years to assist in development. But it will also retain the use of Kwajalein atoll, in the Marshalls, as a target for test missiles fired from California and will have the right to contingency use of large areas of Palau for military purposes.

After the Marshalls government signed the agreement with Washington, several hundred islanders occupied parts of Kwajalein to protest against the amount of money the atoll receives for the missile-testing and as compensation for nuclear tests on Eniwetok and Bikini during the 1940s and 1950s.

"We are the hole in the doughnut," said a businessman there who asked for anonymity. "The Americans want a military presence in the Marshalls and in Palau but what they want here, all they really want, is no Russians. (R)

with the party ruling South Africa, until he formed. The DTA — a coalition from Namibia's 11 ethnic groups which won internal elections in 1978. The elections were boycotted by SWAPO and not recognized by the five Western nations which have been attempting to find a Namibian solution on behalf of the U.N. Security Council.

Today is Thursday, Feb. 10, the 41st day of 1983. There are 324 days left in the year.
Highlights in history on this date:
1495 — Sir William Stanley, King Henry VII's Lord Chamberlain, is executed.
1567 — Henry Darnley, consort of Mary Queen of Scots, is murdered.
1763 — France cedes Canada to England as Treaty of Paris is signed.
1811 — Russians take Belgrade and capture Turkish army.
1840 — England's Queen Victoria marries Prince Albert.
1878 — By Convention of El-Zanjou, ending ten years' war, Spain promises reforms in Cuba.
1923 — Turkey signs alliance with Afghanistan.
1939 — Japanese forces occupy Hainan Island, China.
1953 — Gamal Abdel Neguib is voted dictatorial powers in Egypt.
1963 — Soviet reject concept of rapprochement with West which would harm Soviet alliance with China.
1969 — United States, Britain and France reject German request to travel to West Berlin, and remind Soviets of their responsibility to ensure free access.
1974 — Iran claims that 70 Iranians were killed or wounded in border clash between Iraqi and Iranian troops.
1977 — United Nations report accuses Soviet Union and four East European Communist countries of secretly buying goods from Rhodesia in violation of U.N. embargo.
1979 — Fighting in Iran draws toward climax, with civilians joining mudinous air force cadets in pro-Khomeini uprising.
Thought for today:
Nothing can harm a good man, either in life or death — Socrates, Greek philosopher (469 B.C.-399 B.C.).

Saudi Arabian press review

The Israeli inquiry into the massacre in the Beirut refugee camps was variously described as a maneuver and as an attempt at camouflage by Saudi newspapers Wednesday.

Al-Yom said the Israeli probe panel was but a maneuver "to improve the ugly image of the Zionists in the international community."

Al-Nadwa branded the inquiry a "camouflage to carry out more Zionist expansionist designs."

Commenting on the recent visit of Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh to the Kingdom and his talks with King Fahd, Al-Bilad said the deliberations represented "a new effective move toward achieving joint ambitions and objectives."

"The Saudi-Yemeni cohesion will help strengthen Arab and Islamic capabilities in facing challenges and malicious designs against the Arab and Muslim nation," the paper said.

Al-Jazirah attacked the Iranian regime led by Khomeini for its "unjustified offensive" against Iraq and refusal to listen to Arab, Islamic and international efforts to end the war.

"The Iranian regime has not confined itself to insulting the divine principles but has also tried to damage the traditional close relations between the brotherly Iranian Muslim people and the rest of the Islamic world," the paper said. (SPA)

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Iraq calls for world help

Salt swamps threaten Babylon's splendor

By Nicholas Moore

BABYLON, Iraq (R) — The remains of ancient Babylon in central Iraq are in danger of dissolving into the salt swamps along the bank of the River Euphrates.

"Action is urgently needed to rescue these ruins," says the Iraqi Department of Antiquities in a new appeal brochure. Millions of dollars may eventually be needed, archaeologists add.

The Iraqis are finding that excavated foundations of such structures as the famed Hanging Gardens, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, are threatened by corrosive salts and a high water table.

"Babylon belongs to all peoples. It is appropriate, we feel, that all countries should assist in this work," the Iraqi brochure says.

Little enough remains of the metropolis that rivaled classical Athens in scale and splendor. But even now, its memory endures, fascinates and intrigues, more than 20 centuries after its decay and ruin.

Jurists recall that Hammurabi ruled here as king, and enacted his famous code of laws, some 1800 years before the beginning of the modern era. The code included the first known statement of the legal principle of an eye for an eye.

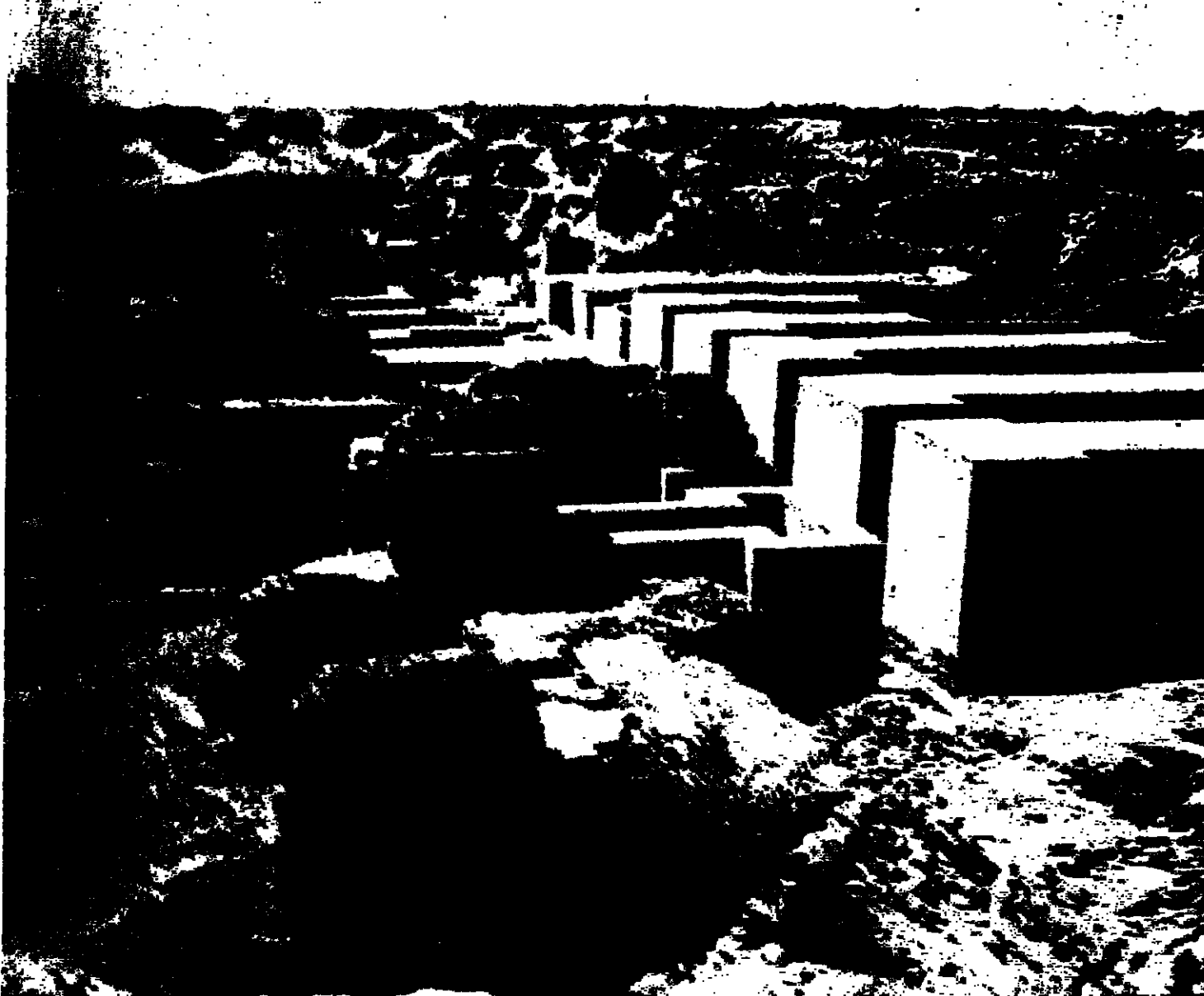
Classical historians remember Babylon as the place where Alexander the Great of Macedon dreamed of a world empire in which all men would live in peace — a dream that ended with his death here, possibly from malaria, in 322 B.C., soon after his Greek army had conquered Persia and marched into India.

Long afterward, the author of a still-recited old English children's rhyme — "how many miles to Babylon can I get there by candlelight?" — envisaged a dream city.

However, visitors may still inspect the brick-and-bitumen surface of his processional way, called *E-Shur-Shabu* (the foe shall not pass). And they can marvel at the huge base, adorned with carved animals, of the fortified Ishtar Gate. An eerie silence hangs over the low ruins and in winter a chill wind raises the white salt dust and plastic wrappers left behind by a thoughtless picnic party.

It is easy to miss the turn-off from the thunderous, four-lane Baghdad-Basra Highway that leads to the site. Along a narrow road, a solitary photographer takes Polaroid snapshots.

In its efforts to breathe life into the ruins, Iraq is trucking in specially-made modern bricks and using corrosion-proof cement to restore some areas of the site and some buildings are being reconstructed. Alexander's Greek theater and two other buildings are well restored.



THE WONDER THAT WAS BABYLON: The remains of ancient Babylon which rivaled classical Athens in scale and splendor is in danger of dissolving into salt swamps along the Euphrates River.

The present reality, actually 90 kms south of the modern capital of Baghdad, is less fabulous. Alexander's warring successors shifted their base north to a new city called Seleucia and his death heralded Babylon's precipitated decline.

Before long, men found that Nabuchadnezzar's slaves had baked fine bricks and for 2,000 years, rather longer than the 15 centuries over which it had flourished, Babylon

served as a convenient source of ready-made building materials.

When excavation began by German archaeologists in 1902 all that remained were foundations and lower walls. Aerial photography of the buried remains is needed to get any idea of the scale of the 300-foot Ziggurat or staged tower — the legendary Tower of Babel.

Nabuchadnezzar's palace is a heap of dust.

A half-size replica of the Ishtar Gate marks the entry to the site and a museum where a spacious scale model of Nabuchadnezzar's Babylon has been made according to archaeologists' reconstructions.

Officials here said, however, that progress on new excavation is inevitably slow since up to 1,000 laborers available must be employed for much of the year on urgent repair of ruins that have already been uncovered.

Thousands flee parched lands

Africa reeling under the blows of drought

By James R. Fripert

NAIROBI (AP) — South Africa declared a day of prayer for rain. West African farmers watched as the hot Sahara wind blew their topsoil away. Thousands of Ethiopians fled parched lands in search of food and water.

Swaths of this vast continent — the Sahel belt of west-central Africa, parts of northern Ethiopia and most of southern Africa — are in the grip of a drought that has withered crops, killed livestock, shrunk rivers and threatened millions of people with hunger.

The Food and Agriculture Organization, a United Nations agency based in Rome, said that 15 African countries face severe food shortages.

The stricken countries of southern Africa, some of them in their second year of drought, are South Africa and Zimbabwe, both major grain producers for the region, Angola, Zambia, Mozambique, Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland, the FAO said. In east Africa, portions of Ethiopia and Tanzania have been hit by drought.

In the Sahel, an arc of countries stretching eastward from the Atlantic along the southern edge of the Sahara Desert, the Cape

Verde Islands, Senegal, Mauritania, Mali and Upper Volta are in the throes of a dry spell.

A severe drought in the Sahel a decade ago killed between 50,000 and 100,000 people. But the FAO said reports from the region so far indicate the current drought is much less severe than the one that lasted from 1968 to 1974.

In some parts of southern Africa, however, the drought appears to be the worst this century. The breadbasket for the region, South Africa normally harvests about 40 percent of the continent's corn, or maize. This year, says the National Association of Maize Producers Organization, the drought has stunted 60 percent of the season's corn. South Africa's main farm export. In Transvaal province alone, maize farmers face losses up to 150 million rand (\$135 million) because a relentless sun in this southern hemisphere summer has withered the stalks in the fields.

"This has been the driest year since records were begun in 1915," said D.I. de Wet, head of a farming cooperative in the high plains country of the eastern Transvaal.

South Africa harvested a record crop of 14.66 million metric tons in 1980-81. Last season's crop, also hit by drought, amounted to 8.32 million metric tons and this season's is

not likely to be any larger.

In Lesotho the government says that if rain does not come soon to the mountainous kingdom, surrounded by South African territory, the maize crop could be destroyed and whole herds of cattle would perish.

Two years of drought in Zimbabwe have dimmed hopes of black African countries that Zimbabwe would replace white-ruled South Africa as the region's chief food supplier. The country was a corn and beef exporter until recently. In the first season after independence in April 1980, Zimbabwe produced a record corn crop of around three million metric tons.

But last year drought reduced the maize harvest to around a million metric tons, and a bigger shortfall is expected this year. In hard-hit Matabeleland, in southwestern Zimbabwe, drought and slaughter for lack of fodder have cut cattle herds from around 600,000 to 400,000.

Moses Chikwakwa, 33, was a guerrilla in the seven-year war for black rule. The 10-acre farm he was given after independence lies dormant. "I can't farm because there's no water. I have had to get a job as a messenger in town," he said.

In neighboring Mozambique drought has affected seven of 10 provinces, mostly in the south and central regions, and is causing hardship to 4 million of the country's 11 million people, according to Internal Trade Minister Manuel da Silva.

Da Silva said major rivers in the southeast African nation have gone dry or are flowing at about a fifth their normal volume. Water levels along the Limpopo River, which irrigates Mozambique's rice-growing region, are the lowest in 40 years, causing seawater from the Indian Ocean to flow inland.

Zambia, also in its second year of severe drought, produced slightly more than 5 million bags of maize last year, compared with 11 million bags the previous harvest. Annual domestic consumption is about 7 million bags, so Zambia has had to import the shortfall.

Drought, flood and insects have hit crops in Tanzania since the 1970s. The socialist east African nation had to import 310,785 metric tons of grain in the 1981-82 season. About 21,000 tons went to eight scattered regions in 1982.

The FAO, citing Ethiopian government reports, said 4.5 million people face severe food shortages in the Horn of Africa nation. Tigre and Wollo provinces in the north were worst hit, but reports indicate nearly every region except that around the capital, Addis Ababa, has been affected to some degree.

The relief society of Tigre said that 1,000 to 1,500 Tigreans have crossed the border into neighboring Sudan in the past three months in search of food and water and that thousands more have migrated internally.

The society operates in areas of Tigre under the control of the Tigre People's Liberation Front, which has been waging a guerrilla war for autonomy from the Ethiopian government.

"The drought (in Tigre) at the present time is even worse than that which took place 10 years ago," a relief society spokesman said. "There have been drought problems in Tigre in the last three years with partial effect, but now the whole area is equally affected."

A nationwide drought in 1972-73 killed between 200,000 and 300,000 Ethiopians and contributed to the downfall of Emperor Haile Selassie and his replacement by a Marxist military government.

The FAO said it has received no reports of drought-induced starvation. But among the affected countries of the Sahel, Upper Volta reportedly needs an additional 150,000 metric tons of grain to feed its people, Chad 262,000 tons and Mauritania 14,000 tons.

Overall, the U.N. agency estimates that cereal production dropped 2.7 million tons in 1982 in the black nations of sub-Saharan Africa — 13 percent below production in a year with normal rainfall.

Import requirements for those countries in 1982-83 are expected to total 2 million tons of grains, 80 percent above a normal year. But this is less than the drop in production because some nations can draw on reserves.

Another Look

Predictions you can bank on

By Robert Yeckum

Readers of the *Star*, a weekly tabloid of ill repute in journalistic circles, now have before them a forecast for 1983 by seeress Jeanne Dixon. And readers of the *National Enquirer* are poring over the story headed, "Ten leading psychics reveal their predictions for 1983."

But as the more sophisticated readers of this column know, a vast majority of the predictions in those two newspapers will not come to pass. Here, however, are prophecies that you could safely bet your entire bank account on, and which, when you think about it, are every bit as astonishing as the stuff of the two tabloids.

Prediction: Avoiding starvation will be the main occupation of most humans. Dying will be the preoccupation of most Americans.

Prediction: When one telephones a person from the city in which his or her office is located, the call will usually speed to that person through the office's switchboard and secretarial barrier; when one telephones from a distance, and therefore has to pay heavily for waiting time, the call will usually involve long waits for an answer, followed by "just a minute, please" from the switchboard operator, followed by a long wait, followed by "just a minute, please" from the person's secretary, followed by a long wait, followed by a dial tone. If one is in a very cold or very hot telephone booth, the delays will be doubled.

Prediction: President Reagan, without providing any roof, will continue to say that the Russians are behind the nuclear freeze movement in the U.S. The Kremlin, without providing any proof, will continue to say that the CIA is behind the peace movement in the Soviet Union.

Prediction: Natural scientists will make steady progress on all fronts, but social scientists will continue to bog down in overheated and obfuscatory verbiage. Of the several sub-disciplines of social science, sociology will contribute the least but use up the most paper and computer storage space.

Prediction: Marital relations, thanks in part to the failure of sociologists to entertain two consecutive coherent thoughts — or at least to transmit them to others — will remain unimproved. Relations between parents and children will continue to disintegrate.

Prediction: More men's single socks will again disappear than can be accounted for by wear, washing machines, moths, dogs, acid rain, or any other natural phenomena.

Prediction: One or more officers of America's largest labor union, the Teamsters, will be indicted or convicted of a felony.

Prediction: Humans will continue to breed beyond the ability of the earth to sustain them, even though they have observed other animals overpopulate and

perish. And lackwitted humans will continue to breed at a much faster rate than intelligent humans. The consequences of this overbreeding — starvation, war, despair, disease, and traffic jams — will not be linked in most human minds with the cause.

Prediction: The extreme right and the extreme left will continue to emulate one another. Supporters of each will push for more censorship, more military power, more police power, tougher punishments for dissidents, more state-sanctioned oaths or prayers, and more executions.



Prediction: The race to accumulate more nuclear arms than anyone else, which makes no sense at all, will continue.

Prediction: The free press, which usually does its best to print or broadcast an accurate account of local or world events — most of which are confusing or unpleasant — will be blamed by readers or listeners for creating confusion or unpleasantness. The tethered press, which simply reflects the views of the governments under which it serves, will also blame the free press for creating confusing and unpleasant events.

Prediction: Voters will continue to elect poltroons, nincompoops, and charlatans to public office and then blame everyone but themselves.

Prediction: Nearly everyone will put off until 1984 a large part of what they intended to do at the beginning of 1983.

Nigerians spurn aliens' jobs

By Godfrey Morrison

LAGOS (LOS) — Many Nigerians are reacting strongly against Western official statements and press comments critical of their country's expulsion of illegal immigrants.

As pressure at Nigeria's frontier posts began to ease, the whole episode of the departing aliens threatened another of those recurring storms which afflict the West's relations with black Africa's most populous state.

Professor Ishaya Audu, speaking in Nairobi, attacked Western media criticism of alleged Nigerian violation of human rights, while a Nigerian representative at the United Nations blasted media coverage of the expulsions as "lurid" and based on a "host of misconceptions." Audu accused illegal immigrants of involvement in last year's religious riots in the north and participation in violent crime.

Though some voices here, including that of Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe, Nigeria's first civilian president at independence in 1962, and now leader of the opposition Nigerian People's Party (NPP), have been raised against the precipitous expulsion, the move was widely popular.

Dr. Azikiwe said the aliens should not have been made scapegoats for Nigeria's present economic difficulties, while other politicians have begun to warn of the possibility of retaliation against Nigerians living in neigh-

boring countries.

However, an editorial in the opposition *Daily Sketch* lambasted Western criticism of the order that the "illegals" get out of Nigeria. Nigeria did not need any lessons from the United States, which arrested and expelled Mexican workers and deported Haitian refugees.

In Britain "immigrants without the correct papers are routinely and systematically bounded," it said.

Nigerians have also recalled that their nationals have been several times the victims of expulsion orders from other African states. In 1969 Ghana expelled 100,000 aliens, many of them Nigerians, and in 1975 many thousands of Nigerians were expelled from Equatorial Guinea, then ruled by Macias Nguema.

About 30,000 job vacancies have been created in the Lagos area alone by the aliens' departure, according to the *National Concord* newspaper.

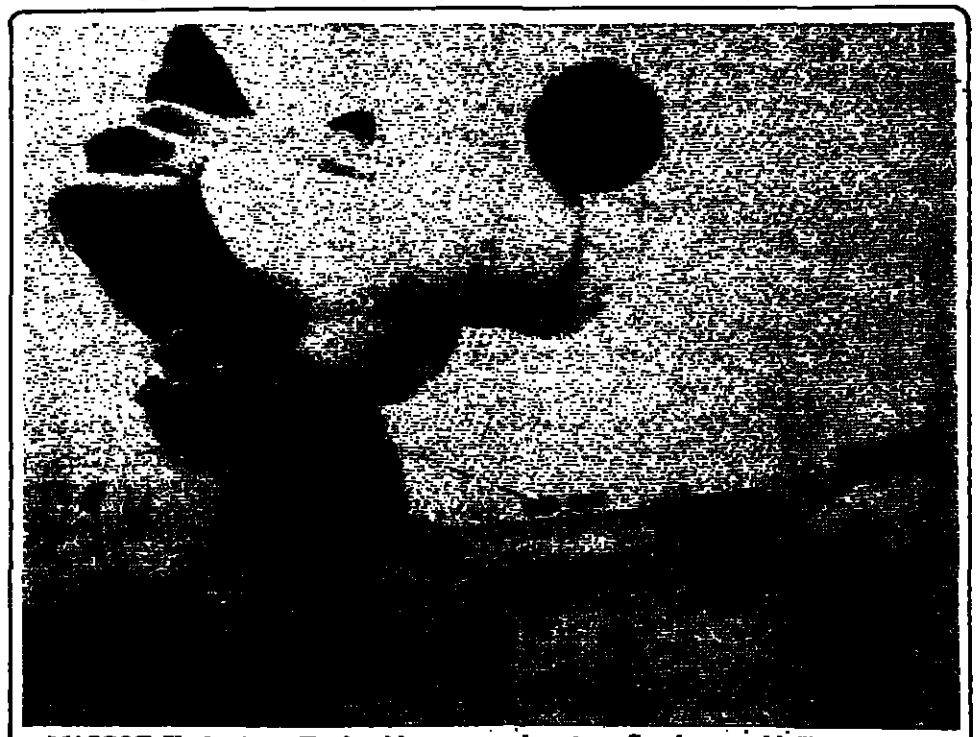
Whether Nigerians will want to do those jobs is another matter.

Aliens were popular with many employers because they accepted lower wages than Nigerians demand.

Mrs. Tokyo Ekpenyong, who with her husband runs a guest house in Ikoyi, Lagos, told me she now had only three of her original 19 staff; all the others were aliens. Only two Nigerians had applied for the vacant jobs, and both had quit after one day, telling her the work was "too hard."



NO FLASH PLEASE: Five-month-old panda, Cho-Lin, finds the photographers' flash a little too strong for his eyes. Cho-Lin was born in captivity at the Madrid Zoo of whose keeper is holding him.



MASCOT: Vucko the wolf points his nose over downtown Sarajevo as this Yugoslav city marks the day one year before the start of the 14th Olympic Winter Games. Vucko is the official mascot for the games. This stuffed balloon was made in the U.S.

For reviving global economy

Brandt urges aid to poor states

LONDON, Feb. 9 (R) — Warning of possible anarchy and a slide from recession into depression, an international expert commission called Wednesday for urgent action to aid poor nations and so help revive the world economy.

The group, led by former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt, called for reforms to the international economic and monetary system and emergency action to help debt-burdened countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Especially urgent, it said in a new report, was a big increase in resources of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank to benefit developing countries.

Echoing its influential first report, issued in 1980, the Brandt Commission stressed the interdependence between industrial nations of the North and the developing South.

"It is increasingly obvious that we are all in the same boat, that the North cannot contemplate with unconcern the fact that the South's end of the boat is sinking," the new report said. "The North's end of the boat is already none too buoyant either."

The group's first report prompted a 22-nation "North-South" summit conference in 1981 at Cancun, Mexico, but the results were disappointing, Brandt said in an introduction.

However, the commission said there was a strong case for a second summit, with adequate preparation, to give political impetus to the

so-called "North-South dialogue."

It also proposed creation of a Third World secretariat, urged the United States to act as "an enlightened leader of the world community" and said the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe should be more active in North-South issues.

The report accused industrial countries, striving to curb inflation, of "excessive concentration on monetary control, often accompanied by perverse fiscal policies." It said the plight of developing countries, burdened by crushing debt and low commodity prices, was desperate.

They were part of a wider "spiral of contraction which, without remedial action, could drag the countries in the world economy from recession to trade sanctions, withdrawals of credit, competitive devaluations and mutually imposed loss of output...."

"Such a contraction is the start of the descent from recession to depression, which shows little sign of being halted," it said.

Brandt warned that further economic decline "is likely to cause the disintegration of societies and create conditions of anarchy in many parts of the world."

The 18-member commission proposed remedies covering finance, trade, food, energy and the North-South negotiating process.

It said IMF resources should be boosted by a doubling of lending quotas and a new allo-

cation of reserve assets called Special Drawing Rights (SDR's) to benefit developing countries.

(At talks in Washington Thursday, advanced by two months because of Third World debt problems, the IMF is expected to approve an increase of nearly 50 percent in lending quotas its 146 members must pledge.)

Among other urgent steps, the Brandt Commission said the IMF, regarded by many countries "with mistrust, even hostility," should make it easier for the poorest countries to borrow. The World Bank's resources should be increased and more funds provided for its soft-loan arm, the International Development Association (IDA), it said.

The commission said aid to the poorest countries should be doubled by 1985. In the long term, the IMF and World Bank should be reformed "in the direction of greater power-sharing," the report said.

It urged governments to undertake to resist protectionist pressures and backed calls for creation of an international energy agency to increase production in developing countries.

Brandt called especially for an end to the arms race, on which \$650 billion was spent worldwide in 1982, as a condition for world economic recovery. "We may be arming ourselves to death — without actually going to war — by strangling our economies and refusing to invest in the future," he said.

Hitachi may reach accord with IBM

TOKYO, Feb. 9 (R) — Japan's Hitachi Corporation said Wednesday that prospects were good for a negotiated settlement of the civil case brought against it by the American IBM computer company following the settlement of a federal suit Tuesday.

Senior Vice President Keisuke Arai told a press conference that discussions now taking place with IBM were linked to a deal with U.S. authorities under which Hitachi pleaded guilty to charges of conspiring to transport stolen IBM computer secrets.

But Mitsubishi Electric Corporation, a second Japanese firm facing similar federal and IBM suits in San Francisco, said it would maintain its not guilty pleas. A brief Mitsubishi statement said the company had not received any offer from U.S. authorities to settle the case. The Mitsubishi trial is due to begin in July.

Both companies had initially admitted paying a total of almost \$600,000 for IBM computer information, but said the purchases were not illegal.

Under the arrangement worked out with U.S. prosecutors in San Francisco, Hitachi was Tuesday fined \$10,000. Two Hitachi employees also pleaded guilty and were fined.

Arai said one reason why Hitachi accepted the arrangement was that "constructive discussions" were now under way with IBM (International Business Machines) on a separate civil action accusing Hitachi of conspiring to steal IBM secrets.



SIGNING CEREMONY: President Ronald Reagan hands Willem Mung'omba, president of the African Development Bank, the document he signed Tuesday accepting U.S. membership into the bank. At right, watching, is Treasury Secretary Donald Regan.

U.S. becomes member of African bank

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan signed the necessary documents on Tuesday to formally bring the United States into the African Development Bank, an international organization that loans billions of dollars to support projects designed to promote development in African nations.

Willem Mung'omba, president of the bank headquartered in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, was on hand at the White House ceremony to receive Reagan's letter accepting the bank's invitation to become a member of the bank that once excluded non-African nations from membership.

The United States long has provided technical assistance to the bank and now contributes \$18 million to the institution's capital fund. It also provides loan guarantees of \$54 million to cover a share of the bank's loans.

The African Development Bank, which is similar in purpose to the World Bank and in structure to the Asian and Inter-American Development Banks, has loaned \$1.66 billion to finance utilities, transportation, farm production, industries and smaller development banks in the 50 African nations that belong to it.

IFAD grants Sri Lanka \$14m

ROME, Feb. 9 (AFP) — The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) is to finance a project to raise the income and living standards of the rural population of Badulla, one of the poorest districts of Sri Lanka.

The Badulla rural development project is to directly benefit local smallholders by improving irrigation, water management and livestock services.

The project will cost a total of \$18.1 million, toward which IFAD will contribute \$14 million, the remaining \$4.1 million being provided by the government of Sri Lanka.

Other project components include provision of agricultural credit, more efficient distribution of agricultural inputs and improvement of rural roads and drinking water supplies.

With debts at \$83b

Banks to lend Mexico \$4.8b

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 9 (R) — About 500 banks have promised to lend Mexico \$4.8 billion in the world's biggest financial rescue operation, the government has said.

Finance Minister Jesus Silva Herzog said in a statement the loan "has no precedent in world financial history" and predicted the deal would be ready by the end of the month.

Mexico's once-vibrant economy has been wrecked by the slump in world oil prices and the country's total foreign debt now stands at \$83 billion. It has made virtually no capital repayments since last August.

Herzog also announced that efforts to reschedule \$20 billion of foreign debt were almost complete but gave no target date for an agreement.

Mexico has asked its 1,400 creditors to

postpone some \$20 billion of foreign debt falling due before 1985 with principal payments resuming in 1987.

The finance minister said international bankers had shown "extraordinarily positive understanding" of Mexico's plight.

He said the new loan, coupled with the government's attempts to reschedule its foreign debts, would give Mexico the chance to import the vital goods it needs to keep the economy going.

Officials were working on the legal provisions of the new loan, he said. The minister's statement followed his return Friday from a two-week tour for talks with central bankers, finance ministers and bank executives in Britain, West Germany, France, Switzerland, Spain, Italy and Japan.

Egypt aims at attaining food self-sufficiency

CAIRO, Feb. 9 (R) — A major goal of Egypt's new five-year development plan is to tackle the problem of too many people eating too much food from too little farmland.

There was a time when the lush lands of the Nile Valley used to feed all Egypt with plenty to spare for export. Now Egypt grows only half the food it consumes and buys the rest abroad at a cost of some \$2.5 billion a year, nearly 25 percent of the nation's total import bill.

Three reasons are commonly cited for this: Expanding population, loss of agricultural land to industry and individual overconsumption. This last factor, rare in a Third World country, is made possible by heavy subsidies which keep basic foodstuffs in reach of even the poorest Egyptian.

Critics have long argued that these subsidies, which at \$2.5 billion a year swallow up 14 percent of government expenditure, dangerously distort the economy and boost inflation.

So far the government of President Hosni Mubarak has turned a deaf ear to this argument. Ministers still shudder at the memory of the riots in 1977 when food prices were

raised.

As a result the basic loaf of bread still sells at one piastre, little more than one U.S. cent. But it takes three piastres to produce and making up the difference costs the treasury about \$1 billion a year, roughly equivalent to the annual income from the Suez Canal.

One foreign agricultural expert commented: "The fact is that Egyptians eat too much. They must have one of the highest caloric intakes in the world."

To reduce excess consumption the government is seeking ways to limit subsidies to the neediest section in the community. About 13 percent of the \$41 billion allocated to the five-year plan is earmarked for developing agriculture. There are projects for improving irrigation and drainage, increasing use of fertilizers and most of all for reversing the decline in agricultural acreage.

More than 95 percent of Egypt's million square kilometers is uncultivated, uninhabited desert. The remaining fertile areas have been heavily reduced in recent years by the spread of industry on arable land. Foreign experts blame this largely on a price-

ing policy which pays the farmer too little for his crops.

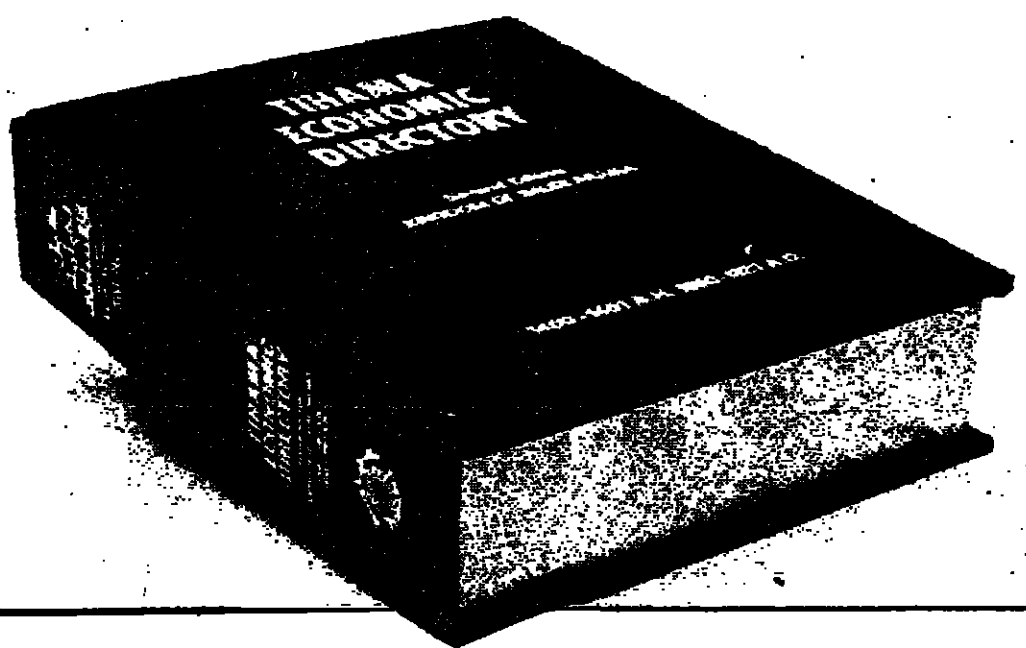
"A farmer finds it more profitable to sell his soil to a developer and move off to work in the city," one expert said. "The result is a shortage of skilled farm labor."

To counter this the government has launched an ambitious program to reclaim for cultivation some 12,000 square kilometers (4,500 square miles) of desert.

Even on the present shrinking acreage agricultural production increases but at a rate barely enough to keep pace with population growth. Now estimated at 45 million, the population is believed to be increasing by about a million people every 10 months.

Checking such growth has been mentioned as another goal of the five-year plan. But methods of achieving it, in a country with natural resistance to birth control on social and religious grounds, have been only vaguely defined.

Another factor affecting food production has been lower soil fertility since construction of the Aswan High Dam in the 1970's held back the annual Nile floods which used to deposit rich layers of sediment on the fields.



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To regain market share

OPEC should freeze oil prices -- Berti

QUITO, Feb. 9 (R) — Venezuelan Energy Minister Humberto Calderon Berti said OPEC should freeze its prices for two or three years in order to regain its importance in the world oil market.

Calderon was answering reporters' questions at the airport before leaving Quito, where he attended the 10th anniversary meeting of the Latin American Energy Organization Monday.

Asked how OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) could regain its market share, which has dropped during the present glut, Calderon said: "I think one strategy is to freeze prices for a prudent period, possibly two or three years."

He denied a report in the *Middle East Economic Survey* (MEES) magazine which said OPEC production was currently less than 15 million barrels per day (bpd), and he put it at 17.78 million bpd.

Calderon said an agreement on production and pricing, which has eluded OPEC ministers at their last two meetings, should not be too hard to achieve and would enable prices to be frozen at present levels.

He said Mexican Energy Minister Francisco Labastida had assured him during a private meeting in Quito that Mexico would not

trigger a fall in world oil prices. Mexico is the world's fourth largest oil producer but is not a member of OPEC.

He reiterated that no decision to cut prices had been taken by Venezuela and other OPEC members despite pressure caused by oversupply. Calderon said that it was in the interests of all oil producers, inside and outside OPEC, that an agreement should be reached as soon as possible in order to reestablish a balance between supply and demand.

All 13 OPEC members must stick to promises made, he said, whatever the market conditions — an apparent reference to countries such as Iran and Libya which have been accused of offering discounts on official prices and exceeding production quotas agreed at previous meetings.

Calderon also said that OPEC needed a production level of 22 to 23 million bpd to stay financially healthy but that the market would bear only 17.5 to 18 million bpd at present.

He said oil companies were anticipating a fall in prices and had been using up stocks rather than signing new contracts, hoping to wait until prices dropped. Calderon said Monday that it would be very difficult for OPEC to survive as an organization if production remained at current levels.

U.K. discounts oil price cut report

LONDON, Feb. 9 (AFP) — The British National Oil Corporation (BNOC) has dismissed as "pure speculation" a report in the *Financial Times* here Tuesday that Britain is likely to cut its oil price by \$3.50 a barrel within a week.

The BNOC fixes the price of British North Sea oil, which currently stands at \$33.50 a barrel.

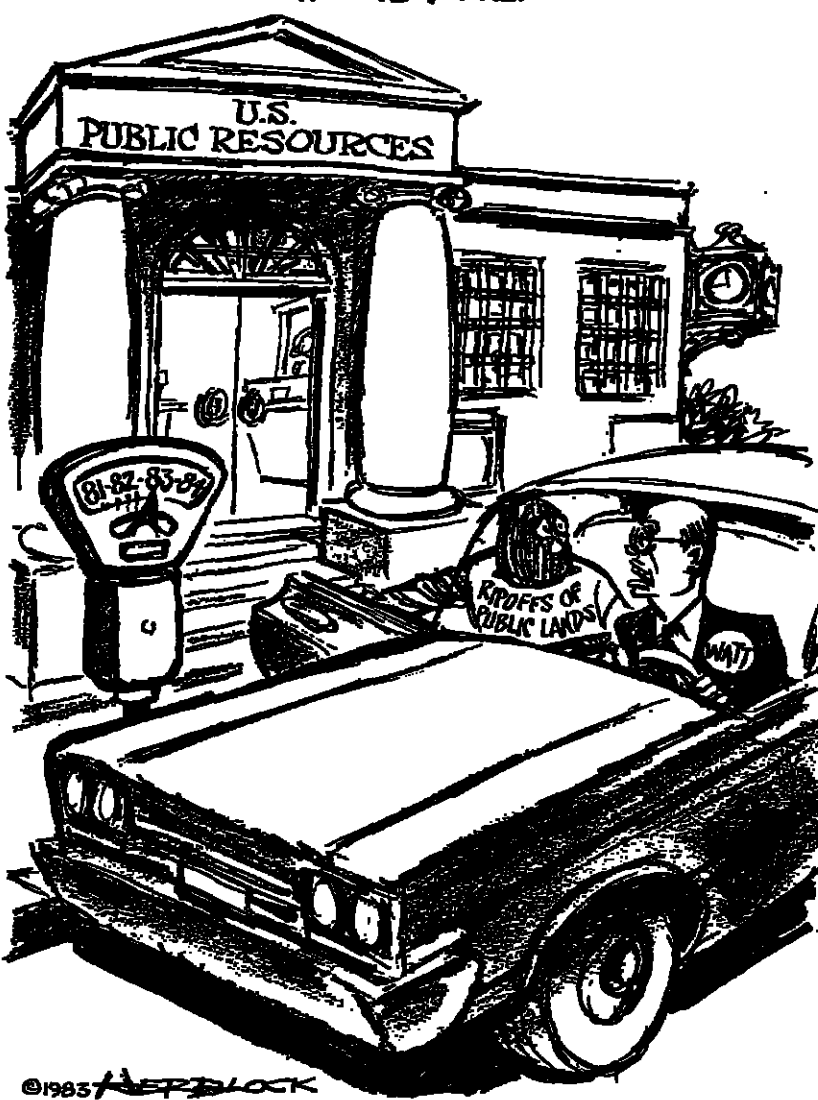
A BNOC spokesman said that the corporation was continuing to discuss a possible price cut with its suppliers and clients, and that no decision had yet been taken.

He also denied reports from Houston, Texas, one of the world's main free markets for oil, that the BNOC was now offering clients its oil at a provisional price of \$30.50 a barrel pending the outcome of price talks.

Meanwhile, rumors were rife here Tuesday that the BNOC had pacified clients seeking lower prices with the pledge that any price cut would be back-dated to Feb. 1.

According to the unconfirmed rumors, British Petroleum and Shell had agreed to stock oil that could not find buyers at current prices. The BNOC has no oil-stock depots of its own.

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Down by 30% in a year

Pakistan rupee value sinking

By Azhar Masood
Arab News Staff

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 9 — Pakistani rupee has been devalued by 30 percent in one year ever since it was delinked from the U.S. dollar and was attached with the basket of international currencies.

On Jan. 8, 1982, when the government made the decision to delink the rupee from the dollar, the main reason assigned was that the step was taken to help promote country's exports and to decrease the volume of imports. When the decision was taken, the rupee rate against the U.S. dollar was \$1 to 9.90 rupees. The present rate stands at 12.82 rupees which means 29.7 percent devaluation in one year, but the average fluctuation rate brings the rate of devaluation up to 30 percent. Moreover the indirect devaluation has not yielded the required results. The delinking instead of narrowing the trade deficit as it was envisaged has enlarged the trade gap.

During the year 1979-80, the country's import bill was \$4.8 billion, whereas the exports income stood at \$2.3 billion with a deficit of \$2.5 billion. The deficit in 1980-81 was \$2.8 billion and that of 1981-82 \$3.4 billion. The government's decision to delink failed to improve the situation as the projected imports for the period stood at \$6 billion thus resulting in a wider deficit \$3.8 billion.

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11,916 firms go bust in W. Germany

BONN, Feb. 9 (R) — A record number of West German firms went bankrupt last year because of the recession, high interest rates and a shortage of investment capital, official figures showed Wednesday.

The Federal Statistics Office said the number of company bankruptcies and insolvencies soared to 11,916 last year, 40 percent above the level, which was itself a record.

In December last year 1,257 firms went under, the highest monthly total in West German history, suggesting that there has been no let-up in the pace of corporate collapse. Most of the firms which failed were small, but 1982 also saw some major West German companies under threat.

The electronics firm AEG-Telefunken, one of the country's largest employers, called in the receiver in August, and steelmaker Arbed Saarstahl came near collapse in December before being bailed out by the government.

The bankruptcy figures came on top of a record January total of 2.49 million jobs — 10.2 percent of the workforce — which is likely to rise further before next month's general election.

The center-right government of Chancellor Helmut Kohl, which took power in October, blames its Social Democratic predecessors for what it calls 13 years of economic mismanagement.

It has built tax relief into this year's budget for firms wanting to take over others threatened with failure. There is also a 2.5 billion mark (\$1 billion) aid plan for the housebuilding industry, among the worst-hit by bankruptcies.

But while the government is forecasting economic growth in 1983 after two years of decline, the improvement is expected to do no more than make up the lost ground.

Dollar continues to slide

By J.E. Hammond

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 — The dollar continued to give ground on the Wednesday markets and the major beneficiary was the Japanese yen and the German mark — the two currencies most under pressure a week ago. The British pound was also up by more than one and a half cent over Tuesday levels to trade at 1.5430 and later at 1.5490 levels. There was little Bank of England support for the pound, with the British authorities hoping to see the dollar fall back by itself with little intervention support.

On the bullion markets, gold and silver prices moved down in erratic and nervous trading at times. Gold fell to \$492/\$493 an ounce from \$497 an ounce Tuesday, but gold's slide started when there took place some moderate selling on the New York markets Tuesday night. Silver prices were also down at the \$13.90 an ounce level from \$14.00/\$14.01 level Tuesday. Once again, the New York silver markets saw some moderate profit-taking pressure develop. The outlook continues to be uncertain.

The dollar's fall reflects the market's concern that the deliberations of the Federal Open Market Committee could result in a lowering of interest rates by the "Fed". As such, the money markets were closely watching to see how Federal Reserve "Fed fund" prime lending rates would close Tuesday night. When "Fed funds" closed at the 8 3/4 percent level, this left the markets even more confused than ever. In the Wednesday money markets, Eurodollar deposit rates continued to hold their ground and the one-month rate

opened around 8 3/4 - 9 percent levels. Medium-term dollar rates tended to fluctuate around the 9 - 9 1/2 percent level for the three-month tenor but longer-dated funds were stable at the 9 3/4 - 10 percent level.

The exchanges were more volatile. The Japanese yen rose to the 236.00 level from 237.10 opening levels, while the German mark rose to 2.4260 level from the 2.4350 level on opening. Continuing optimistic election reports on the chances of the present government coalition has helped the mark to strengthen. The Swiss franc was stronger at the 2.00 level, while the French franc showed its remarkable volatility by rising to 6.8750 from 6.9000 level Tuesday and 7.04 on Friday.

The local exchanges showed a gradual rise in the short-term rial deposit rates, taking the week-fixed to 7 - 7 1/2 percent at one stage from 6 1/2 - 7 percent Saturday. The one-month JIBOR was traded at the 7 1/2 percent level in Jeddah and overnight funds were in demand in the local markets at the 6 1/2 - 7 percent level.

The longer-dated funds have begun to also creep back up again to the 9 percent level despite the lack of dealing interest in that tenor. The exchange markets were active at the 3.4405-10 level for most of the day.

LONDON, (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):
London 492.50
Paris 497.86
Frankfurt 493.00
Zurich 490.25
Hong Kong 488.75

Gold fever grips Turkey

ANKARA, Feb. 9 (R) — Turkey is in the grip of gold fever as nervous investors, lacking confidence in the banking system, send prices to record levels, far above international rates.

This week Istanbul dealers were buying at the equivalent of \$595 an ounce compared with the London rate of just below \$500.

In the bazaars and arcades of Istanbul and Ankara, dealers say they have never experienced such demand, even among a people who have always had an almost fanatical love of gold. "Gold has gone berserk," blared the popular daily paper *Güneş* (Sun) last week as prices forged relentlessly upward.

With tight restrictions on gold imports and exports, the Turkish market is virtually closed apart from a flourishing smuggling trade, estimated in a 1981 bank survey at 100 tons a year, now worth \$1.6 billion at world prices but nearly two billion inside Turkey.

Traders say the reasons for the sudden gold rush include a shortage of supply of gold coins, inflation — currently running at around 25 percent — and the aftermath of last year's collapse of brokerage houses.

The brokers, who sold bank certificates of deposit and bonds in the absence of an established money market in Turkey, competed with the regular banks in offering huge inter-

est rates to savers.

The collapse last June of the biggest among them, Banker Kaselli, led to other failures and a rush by small investors to withdraw their savings from the banking system.

"So the rush to gold," said Atanur Kalayci, chairman of the Turkish Professional Jewelers' Association. "And why not? If you had put your money into gold a year ago when it was around 1,750 Turkish lira per gram (\$281 per ounce) you would have made double what you could have made by putting the same amount into a bank."

Britain's strikers occupy water plants

LONDON, Feb. 9 (R) — Striking workers in Britain's state-run water industry occupied some water treatment plants Wednesday after refusing to let an independent arbitrator settle their two-week-old pay dispute.

Manual workers in Wales and the northern English counties of Yorkshire and Derbyshire took over plants and pumping stations saying the occupations were peaceful and intended to ensure that management did not do strikers' jobs.

The strike, which began Jan. 24, has cut water supplies to 36,000 homes.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Municipal and Rural Affairs Ministry	Temporary asphalt for Sorat Ubaidah villages	245	2,000	Feb. 13
"	Lighting Haki old streets	246	1,000	Feb. 14
"	Construction of 3 model markets in Shamasia, Qassim	247	500	Feb. 15
"	Construction of a mosque, Riyadh	248	2,000	Feb. 19
"	Asphalting, paving & lighting in Zulf	54/402/403	8,000	Jan. 30

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1. SHIPS DISCHARGING:

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
4.	Pacific Reefer	O.C.E.	Reefer	8.2.83
5.	Lama Island	Alkaws	Rice/Sorghum	3.2.83
6.	Telamon	Alkaws	Cont/General	6.2.83
8.	Vishva Pratulla	Alkaws	General	7.2.83
9.	Pag	Atar	General/Reefer	7.2.83
10.	Asia No. 12	S.F.T.C.	Steel/Pipe	3.2.83
11.	Al Fajr Al Saudi I	Al Sabah	Steel/Marble	5.2.83
12.	Magida	Abdulhadi	Cont/Gen	8.2.83
15.	Golden Benin	El Hawi	Gen/Timber	5.2.83
17.	Shoken Maru	O.C.E.	Apples	7.2.83
18.	Prometheus	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	2.2.83
19.	Jeddah Cement I	Al Sabah	Bulk Cement	2.2.83
20.	Sage	Bamaodah	Steel/Timber	28.1.83
21.	Iranian Reefer	Star	Frozen Chicken	31.1.83
22.	Edinburgh Uni.	Star	Bannas	5.2.83
23.	Barber Tennessee	Barber	Gen/Cont	7.2.83
24.	Florida	Shobokshi	Steel/General	7.2.83
25.	Maldiva Ambassador	O.T.A.	Tiles/Gen	6.2.83
26.	Sunderbans	A.E.T.	Foodstuffs	7.2.83
27.	Good Warrior	A.E.T.	General/Steel	6.2.83
28.	Caribbean Uni.	Star	Bananas	8.2.83
30.	Jadro	Atar	Tiles	3.2.83
33.	Bailey	Gulf	Std/General	6.2.83

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SHIPS MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS OF

26.4.1403/9.2.1983 CHANGES FOR THE PAST 24 HOURS

1. VESSELS DISCHARGING:

1.	Saint Vincent	Gulf	Bulk Corn/Soya	6.2.83
3.	Asir	Gulf	Paper Reels/Tim	4.2.83
5.	Saudi Al Medina	Ori	General	8.2.83
6.	Barbery	Ori	Gen/Steel	28.1.83
6.	Barbery	Ori	Gen/Steel	28.1.83
8.	Ibn Hayyan	Kanoo	General	4.2.83
10.	Maldiva Privilege	Ori	Gen/Timber	5.2.83
13.	Asia Chitro	SMC	General	31.1.83
15.	San Astron	SEA	Gen/Timber	6.2.83
17.	Han Nara	OCE	General	2.2.83
18.	Halla Partner	Gulf	General	3.2.82
19.	Kaghan	SEA	General	1.2.83
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To go one-up over Kiwis in WSC finals

Aussies record thumping win

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 9 (AP) — An awesome pace attack, together with Kim Hughes' magnificent answer to his critics, put Australia one-up over New Zealand in the Benson and Hedges World Cup Final series at the Sydney Cricket Ground here Wednesday night.

In a match which all hinged on run rates after rain interrupted Australia's reply to the New Zealand total of 193 for seven, Hughes showed temperament and a turnabout in form to play a genuine skipper's knock of 63 in his team's six-wicket victory.

It was tremendously important for the 29-year-old West Australian to perform in this match, even though he had regained favor with a fighting knock of 21 on a lively Perth wicket after an exasperating run of outs in the WSC preliminaries.

He had the added pressure of knowing a storm was hovering near the SCG when Australia were still behind the 3.89 run rate needed for victory. At first it was the Australian speed merchants, Rodney Hogg, Geoff Lawson, Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thomson, who kept the New Zealanders to their moderate 49-over total.

With the rains coming down, Australia

were required to score 150 for victory in 38 overs and vice-captain Greg Chappell had the honor of hitting a six off Lance Cairns to seal the verdict in the 34th over.

A wry touch of humor marked the occasion when Cairns bowled the preceding delivery underarm, bringing a smile from Chappell and a no ball decision from umpire Mel Johnson. The proviso that underarm deliveries be stricken from the WSC rules was introduced after Trevor Chappell bowled that type of delivery to seal a One-Day game against New Zealand in Melbourne two years ago.

The Kiwis Wednesday could best be described as "hamstrung" — it was an awkward situation for them to go into the match without lynchpin Richard Hadlee — and they can only hope the allrounder's hamstring injury improves dramatically before Sunday's second final match in Melbourne.

Although a fifth-wicket partnership of 85 between Jeremy Coney and John Morrison helped lift the New Zealand innings from a threatening predicament, Hadlee's authority with the bat could have been useful. And then, despite another superb bowling performance from the much improved Ewen Chatfield, it was Hadlee who was sorely missed to keep the pressure on the batsmen.

The confidence-boosting win puts Australia in the box seat for the first prize of \$32,000 in the finals, following their \$22,500 from five wins and five losses in the preliminaries.

Hughes' match-winning innings came from 74 deliveries and include seven fours before he fell victim to one of the catches of the season, by Jeremy Coney off Chatfield's bowling. He turned the ball from the middle of the bat and umpire Dick French had to duck before Coney dived behind him to snatch the ball inches from the ground.

Hughes received a tremendous reception from the 30,527 fans, a figure far below the capacity, crowd expected for the match. The catch caught a great match for Coney, who stood out among the Kiwi batsmen with a sparkling undefeated 58 which included one six and four boundaries and came in 92 minutes.

Coney was the aggressor as he and Morrison (55) launched 10-run-an-over spree for five overs when his side had become bogged down at 116 for four.

But it was all in vain as Hughes launched his barrage after coming to the wicket following the early loss of newcomer Steve Smith (10) in the fifth over.

Score-board

New Zealand:		Bowling:	Lawson 10-4-28-2; Hogg 10-2-24-1; Lillee 10-1-35-2; Thomson 10-0-42-1; Chappell 9-0-37-1.
J. Wright c Chappell b Lawson	36	Australia:	
B. Edgar b Thomson	12	G. Wood b Chatfield	12
G. Turner b Lillee	4	S. Smith b Cairns	10
G. Howarth c Marsh b Chappell	4	K. Hughes c Coney b Chatfield	63
J. Coney not out	58	A. Border c Crowe (sub) b Chatfield	9
J. Morrison b Lillee	35	D. Hookes not out	20
W. Lees c Marsh b Lawson	1	G. Chappell not out	21
L. Cairns c Lillee b Hogg	9	Extras	20
M. Snedden not out	2	Total (for 4 wks)	155
Extras	27	Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-29, 3-83, 4-119.	
Total (for 7 wks):	193	Bowling: Troup 5-0-30-0; Cairns 8.1-0-27-1; Snedden 9-0-45-0; Chatfield 10-1-27-3; Coney 1-0-6-0.	
Fall of wickets: 1-44, 2-57, 3-77, 4-81, 5-166, 6-171, 7-190.			

Rangers roar past Zahid Tractors

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 — Zahid Tractors' Sohail was once again amongst the runs. But his fine effort went in vain as Rangers Green stole a march over the Tractors in the Alireza Cricket League last weekend.

The shock result was made possible mainly due to two die-hard performances for the Rangers' troupe. Skipper Afzal laid about the Tractors' attack with gay abandon to literally shoulder his side to a fluent four-wicket victory. But before Afzal got into the act, it was Adnan's all-round capability which gave the Rangers the edge, which they exploited.

The beginning was auspicious for Zahid Tractors. They had won the toss. Zahid Tractors had no hesitation whatsoever in opting to take first strike. Their expectation of getting off to a rousing start was not belied. Though they did, however, suffer an early palpitation.

Much rested on Sohail, their prolific run-getter, and he did not disappoint. But his roving blade failed to produce the much-

vaunted resonance and he was out for 69. Though his innings was worthy of the situation Tractors were in, this effort, however, was much below the four previous scores by him, in the preceding two weeks.

Sohail and Mahmood (68) put on 99 for the second-wicket and this partnership, in the end analysis, was the base on which Zahid Tractors could muster a modest 196 for six in their allotted 40 overs. The exit of these two heralded a slump, caused by Adnan (four for 71) and the Tractors failed to get out of the rut.

Sohail and Jaffer did manage to contain the Rangers early on. But the advent of Afzal changed the complexion of the game. He put the Rangers back ahead on rate with a whirlwind knock and was aided in his efforts by the Tractors' fielders, who dropped catches galore. Absar (27) and Adnan (27). He remained unbeaten with 85 as Rangers sailed home with four wins in hand and two overs to spare. Jaffer took three for 81.

Aramco Abqaiq squeaks home in a thriller

By a Staff Writer

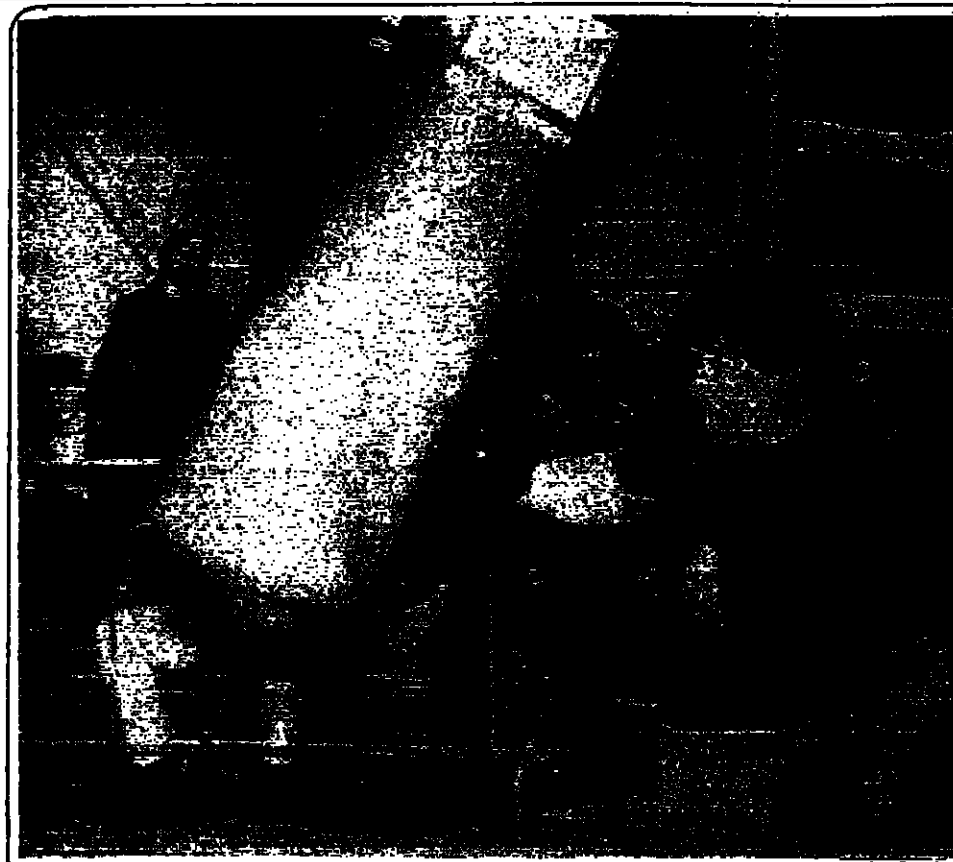
DHAHRAN, Feb. 9 — It was the case of so near, yet so far for Petromin against Aramco Abqaiq in the Eastern Province Cricket League last weekend.

The sea-sawing tussle was not decided till the last ball was bowled, and Aramco Abqaiq must have heaved a sigh of relief in finding their opponents falling five runs short in their quest for victory.

Nobody, not even Petromin, might have fancied their chances of upsetting the apple cart of Aramco Abqaiq at the outset of the clash. But Abqaiq's decision to bat first, after the coin had rolled in their favor, on a rain-affected pitch must have been a bit of cheer in the Petromin camp. And they did their best to cash in on it.

Aramco Abqaiq ran into the expected early difficulties but their position was stabilized by a patient 57 from Sharif. His good work was carried on by Rashid Hussain and Masood, who had steered their side to 209 for four wickets utilizing 26 overs in the process before the luncheon break. Rashid was batting with 49 and Masood had hit up 41.

Petromin's task now was to hold the Aramco Abqaiq batsmen for another four overs and restrict the total to the minimum. But their hopes were dashed by some enterprising batting by Rashid. He plundered 55 runs from the 23 balls he faced with Masood adding just 13 more runs in that period. Rashid raced to his fastest undefeated cen-



GETTING IN SHAPE: Briton Tony Sibson works out at Worcester Centrum, while preparing for his forthcoming middleweight championship fight in Worcester against Marvin Bagley. Sibson, the challenger, is getting in shape for the bout scheduled for Friday, Feb. 11.

Bruno pins Mulendwa to the canvas

LONDON, Feb. 9 (Agencies) — Britain's new heavyweight hope, turned in another whirlwind performance to finish his 12th professional fight with a spectacular third round knockout at the Royal Albert Hall, here Tuesday night.

The 21-year-old Bruno beat his latest opponent Peter Mulendwa, from Uganda, after 1:27 minutes of the third of a scheduled ten rounds. The result of a combination of a crashing right to his opponent's ribs, followed by a solid left to the top of the head. It was, however, the first punch which toppled Mulendwa. It was a vicious body blow which came suddenly after a quiet spell of in-fighting.

Bruno cleverly backed his man onto the ropes and then fell with the right. It seemed to take a little time to have its full effect. But the African suddenly started on his way down to the canvas when for good measure Bruno unleashed the left to the head.

Mulendwa, who is based in Italy and has had seven fights, came in on Sunday as a substitute for the much better-known Spaniard Alfredo Evangelista, a former European heavyweight champion, was clearly out of his depth. The Briton put in some good shots in the first round but Mulendwa managed to evade real trouble for the first two rounds. But there was nothing he could do when Bruno really opened up in the third.

London's other undefeated black heavyweight Funso Banjo, carried his unbeaten run to ten contests when he stopped another Englishman, Noel Quarless after 1:47 mins of the third of a six-round fight. It was, however, a most unsatisfactory — and for Quarless a painful — ending, when the Liverpool boxer, suffered a broken jaw. There was no doubt that the low, bobbing, weaving head of Banjo had caught Quarless flush in the face, before the referee stepped in to help the stricken fighter, a substitute for American Ricky Keller.

Meanwhile, Roy Gumbs of Britain captured the vacant Commonwealth middleweight boxing title Tuesday with a fifth-round technical knockout over Canadian champion Ralph Hollett, in Dartmouth.

Gumbs, who had been knocked down in the third round and appeared in trouble during the fourth, caught Hollett in the corner midway through the fifth round with a series of lefts and rights to the head.

The Halifax fighter was knocked from the ring and the referee immediately stopped the bout, which had been scheduled for 15 rounds. It was the 15th straight victory for Gumbs, ranked 11th among middleweights in the world by the World Boxing Association.

The Commonwealth middleweight title became vacant when champion Tony Sibson of Britain refused to defend.

tury, 104, and Aramco Abqaiq's tally gained a modicum of respectability — 277 for four in the allotted overs.

Petromin, however, did not lose heart. They gave chase in earnest with the ebullient Khalid Nabi leading the fight. His brisk 79 contained two sixers and nine hits to the fence, before he made his exit while trying to effect another big heave over the fence. And the gauntlet was now picked up by Shaikat. He joined forced with Naeem Siddiqui and the two closed the gap with some lusty hittings, and Petromin nearly made it. Sheikh's unbeaten 90 contained four sixers and seven fours, while Naeem's 27 was compiled with the aid of a six and three fours.

As Petromin zeroed in on the target, Aramco Abqaiq resorted to defensive tactics. Some superb fielding and brilliant throw ins finally gained the day for them. Petromin now must be ruing the four costly overs which blew their aspirations to pieces.

Brief scores

Ishker 2-43; Aramco Abqaiq CC 277 for 4 wks. (Rashid Hussain 104 n.o., Sharif 47, Masood 54, Habib Sheikh 3-48, Naeem Siddiqui 2-59) beat Petromin 272 for 7 (Shaikat Sheikh 90 n.o., Khalid Nabi 79, Naeem Siddiqui 27; Tariq 2-4). AGE CC 214 (Jalal Akbar 58, Tauheed Qureshi 36, Abdulaziz 34; Ejaz Ahmed 3-46, Hanwar Khan 5-67, Shabaz Bashir 2-29, Salman Shakir 2-31) beat Albasain CC 129 (Anis Siddiqui 24, Pervaiz Chughtai 23, Ejaz Ahmed 21; Nassir Mahmood 3-18, Tauheed Qureshi 3-25, Abdul Qadir Jan 2-20, Mohd Rana 2-11). C.C.C. 176 (Shamim 37, Shaikat 26, Mahmood 22; Kaleem 3-36, Asad Khan 2-48) lost to BACC 176 for 5 wks. (Wahid 48 n.o., Shabaz 47, Kaleem 39; Ishaq 2-43).

Davison may quit Leicester

LEICESTER, Feb. 9 (AFP) — Brian Davison, Leicestershire's Bulawayo-born batsman, has told the club that unless they meet his wage demands he will walk out of English County Cricket.

He said that after last season he was approached by several other clubs and the money they offered him was more than he had asked for from Leicestershire. Davison, 36, has played for Leicestershire for 14 years, scoring more than 20,000 runs. He says he was disappointed that his benefit last year failed to reach his 20,000-pound target figure and has told Leicestershire that if he does not get a pay increase, he will retire from the game on a point of principle.

Leicestershire secretary-manager Mike Turner said that Davison had asked for a 25 percent increase which was "out of the question and unreasonable." He pointed out that the players' contract does not expire until September 1984, and he expected him to honor his contractual obligations.

Meanwhile, Yorkshire cricketer's discontent over the past decade could disappear overnight if the County side won a major title. This was chairman Michael Crawford's view after the release Tuesday of the report on cricket club affairs.

Crawford was speaking after an investigating sub-committee had made six recommendations to boost ailing Yorkshire fortunes after missing out on a major title success since 1969. A confrontation between manager Ray Illingworth and former England opener Geoff Boycott two seasons ago brought the internal strife into the open but Crawford defused the situation by saying: "Yorkshire need only to win something for a lot of trouble to disappear."

The investigating sub-committee was appointed in September 1981 after Illingworth suspended Boycott for unauthorized comments to the media. Although both have no more than a cursory mention in the report, Crawford commented: "We have had an unhealthy three or four years and it would now be stupid to start raking up old ashes. We hope it has died a natural death."

He added: "If we don't win, we get frustrated and need to blame someone, the players, or the captain or the committee."

Plea to Pakistan

KARACHI, Pakistan, Feb. 9 (AP) — The anti-apartheid sports body of South Africa has asked the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) to ensure that no Pakistani cricketers visit South Africa to play. BCCP sources said Tuesday.

In a telex message to BCCP President Nur Khan, the chief of South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee, Sam Ramasamy has asked for severe disciplinary action against the players who have any intention of visiting Pretoria, the sources said.

The committee which has its offices both in England and South Africa has expressed concern on the recent reports in European dailies about some alleged contacts between South African Cricket Union and Pakistani players.

So far no Pakistani cricketers nor BCCP chief has confirmed or denied that any contact with him was made for playing cricket in South Africa.

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To extinguish Nuggets' glow

Cummings, Chambers carry Clippers

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (AP) — The San Diego Clippers defeated the Denver Nuggets 125-98 in a National Basketball Association game Tuesday night to become only the third team this season to hold the high-scoring Nuggets under 100 points.

Only New York and Washington had done it before. Those games came after the Nuggets had set a NBA record with 136 straight games over 100 points. San Diego got 31 points from Terry Cummings and 27 from Tom Chambers while holding Alex English, the NBA's leading scorer, to seven points on 3-of-16 shooting. The Clippers led 65-52 at halftime, outscored the Nuggets 32-25 in the third period and coasted to only its 16th victory in 51 games.

In other NBA games, New Jersey defeated Atlanta 115-109, Washington edged Boston 104-101 in overtime, San Antonio trounced

Detroit 147-143 in overtime, Portland tackled Chicago 109-93, Houston nipped Kansas City 116-115 in overtime, Dallas beat Phoenix 112-100 and Los Angeles stopped Seattle 121-118.

Lakers 121, Sonics 118: Norm Nixon broke a tie with two free throws three seconds to go as Los Angeles beat Seattle for the 16th time in their last 18 regular-season meetings.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar led the Lakers with 30 points, while Earvin "Magic" Johnson had 26 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists. Jack Skima had 27 points and 19 rebounds for Seattle, while Fred Brown hit 12 of 17 shots for a season-high 25 points.

Bullets 104, Celtics 101: Greg Ballard's field goal with six seconds remaining in overtime clinched Washington's triumph over Boston. The bullets blew a 14-point lead in the third quarter before Robert Parish, who

scored 32 points to lead Boston, sent the game into overtime at 90-90 on a basket with 12 seconds to go in regulation. Jeff Ruland led Washington with 21 points.

Spurs 147, Pistons 143: George Gervin scored 41 points, Mike Dunleavy sent the game into overtime with a three-point goal and Artis Gilmore scored seven points in the extra period to lead San Antonio past Detroit. The Pistons, who lost for the eighth time in nine games, lost the game despite 46 points from All-Star Isiah Thomas and 34 from Kelly Tripucka.

Nets 115, Hawks 109: Buck Williams had 29 points and 16 rebounds at New Jersey held off a late Atlanta rally. The Nets led by as many as 22 points late in the third quarter, and still had a 106-92 advantage with 3:21 left in the game, but a 17-4 streak by the Hawks cut the deficit to 110-109 with 24

seconds remaining. Then the Nets hit five free throws to hold on to their edge. Wes Matthews scored 26 points to lead Atlanta.

Blazers 109, Bulls 93: Jim Paxson scored 34 points and Calvin Natt 28 to carry Portland over Chicago. Paxson and Natt combined for 21 points in a 12-minute span of the third period during which the Trail Blazers extended a 55-49 lead to 77-63. Orlando Woolridge led Portland with 20 points.

Rockets 116, Kings 115: Joe Bryant's three-point play with 34 seconds left in overtime lifted Houston over Kansas City. Bryant broke a 113-113 tie with a basket, was fouled on the play and hit the free throw. Larry Drew cut the Kings' deficit to one, but missed a shot at the buzzer, which would have won the game for Kansas City. Elvin Hayes led the Rockets with 24 points, while Eddie Johnson had 22 for the Kings.

Liverpool runs up big advantage

LONDON, Feb. 9 (AFP) — Battling Burnley's dream of Wembley disappeared in the last 18 minutes of an entertaining Milk Cup Semifinal first-leg, against the masters, Liverpool, at Anfield Tuesday, going down 0-3.

A Phil Neal penalty and David Hodgson's 80th-minute goal finally extinguished the Second Division club's hopes after an uncharacteristically charitable Liverpool had given them every encouragement for next week's second-leg at Turf Moor.

Up until the 72nd minute, only Graeme Souness' first half goal separated the sides and, had young Derek Scott accepted an easy chance, they would still have been level. Liverpool, defending its formidable eight-and-a-half year unbroken home Cup record, relentlessly ground down the outsiders.

Kenny Dalglish and David Hodgson could have both finished with hat-tricks but, in the end, Liverpool were well satisfied with a score-line which should guarantee them their third successive appearance in the final.

Burnley, who surprisingly knocked out Tottenham in the previous round, battled hard and ran their legs off but, too often, they were chasing shadows.

In the Scottish Premier Division Aberdeen had a runaway 5-1 home victory over Motherwell, to close the gap on leaders Celtic.

Meanwhile, another injury problem has developed for Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough. Einer Aas, the club's 200,000-pound Norwegian central defender signed from Bayern Munich, has a recurrence of pelvic trouble and is concerned about his future.

Standings

Scottish Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	22	17	3	2	59	24	37
Aberdeen	23	16	4	3	48	15	36
Dundee Utd.	22	13	6	3	48	19	32
Rangers	22	6	10	6	30	27	22
Dundee	22	6	8	8	28	29	20

Arsenal to encounter hammer & tongs battle

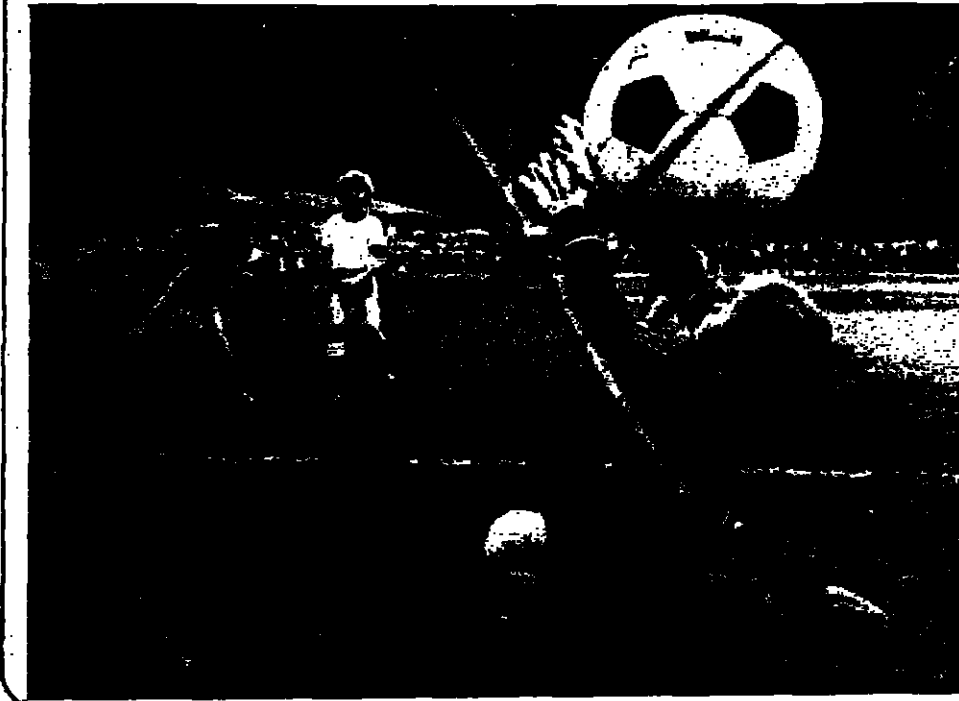
LONDON, Feb. 9 (AP) — West Ham manager John Lyall has a simple remedy for the slump that has seen the English First Division soccer club lose six straight matches.

"We've done a lot of hard work," said Lyall, "but it hasn't paid off. The answer is more hard work." West Ham, who earlier this term looked certain to qualify comfortably for next season's UEFA Cup, hit rock bottom last Saturday when they crashed to a 3-0 defeat against lowly Birmingham City.

Billy Bonds, veteran captain of the London club, feels that a lack of confidence is the reason for the team's sudden poor run. "One of our strengths for years has been getting the ball up to the front men quickly," said Bonds. "Lately, players have needed two or three touches instead of one. That is a matter of confidence. Now we've got to go out on Saturday and make things change."

Striker Paul Goddard, who has scored only once in three months, echoes Bonds comments. "We've been letting ourselves and the

Germans cast net to catch 'em young



FRANKFURT, Feb. 9 (INP) — The net cast by the German Football Association (DFB) in order to catch young talent is very tightly meshed indeed and normally "no above-average youngster can slip through it" — according to the powers that be in the sport in the Federal Republic of Germany.

The search for talent starts at the age of 12 to 13 in some village or other (as shown in picture) and it continues in the next district town. The best players are recommended for the district select. The cream of the crop then go on to play for a regional association.

The national coaches of the DFB certainly then have the chance to scrutinize the top youngsters for every year they visit the schoolboy and youth camp in Duisburg to look around among the 16 association teams.

Then around 40 names are generally to be found in the notebook of DFB youth coach Dietrich Weise — names which go toward the squad for the national youth side.

UEFA throws out Spain's protest

BERNE, Feb. 9 (AFP) — The European Football Union (UEFA), Tuesday dismissed Spain's complaint against the decision to hold the European Nations Championship Group Seven qualifying match between Malta and the Netherlands in West Germany last Dec. 18.

Malta's ground Valetta was declared unfit to stage the game, and a neutral venue, Aachen in West Germany, was chosen. The Netherlands won 6-0 but Spain, who are also in Group Seven, objected, because they believed the venue benefited the Dutch, as their supporters had only to travel across the border, making it effectively a home match for them.

The other countries in the qualifying group are Iceland and the Republic of Ireland. Meanwhile, Spain have announced a 16-man squad for their Group Seven match against the Netherlands in Seville on Feb. 16.

Squad: Goalkeepers: Francisco Buyo, Luis Arconada. Defenders: Juan Jose, Camacho Goicoechea, Alvarez and Maceda.

Midfield: Victor, Roberto, Francisco, Gordillo, and Senor. Strikers: Marcos, Carrasco, Sarabia and Rico.

Meanwhile, Yugoslav league champions Dynamo Zagreb have come under fire in the country's sporting press for playing in El Salvador during a recent tour of Central and South America.

One sporting newspaper, claiming that El Salvador had one of the world's most reactionary political regimes, commented that Dynamo could be suspended from international competition for a year, if the Yugoslav Football Federation's disciplinary commission were to apply the rules correctly.

Any tour program must be authorized by the federation, and reliable sources indicated that when submitting their itinerary to the

federation prior to their departure for an eight-nation tour of Central and South America on Jan. 26, Dynamo omitted to mention that a game was planned against an El Salvador club.

But a spokesman for the Republic of Croatia, within whose jurisdiction the club falls, was reported as saying that the necessary permission had been given by the minister for foreign affairs on Feb. 4, when Dynamo played Independiente and won 4-0.

Miami Dolphins, beaten 27-17 by Washington Redskins in the Super Bowl last month, could have their first chance of revenge at Wembley Stadium here on Aug. 21. That is when the two clubs are due to meet in a pre-season game, and Miami's public relations director Dick Horning said, "If we get a good enough offer to play the match in England we would just love to come."



Ardiles ... out of action for seven weeks

Swiss skiers' striking show

GARMISVH, Feb. 9 (AFP) — Swiss skiers struck a devastating double blow in men's World Cup Alpine skiing here Wednesday taking the first two places in a super-giant slalom and at the same time taking the overall World Cup lead.

Former World Cup winner Peter Lüscher was the main architect of the Swiss success. He won the race comfortably in a time of 1:36.45 from compatriot Pirmin Zurbriggen (1:36.65) with Hans Emm of Austria third in 1:37.60. The 25 points he thus gained hoisted him back above World Cup holder Phil Mahre of the U.S. at the head of the overall standings, while Zurbriggen took over from Hans Emm in the super-giant slalom standings.

Lüscher is not known as a race winner. He is more a consistent skier who tallies up points and does well in the combines. His only win so far this year came in the Val d'Isere super-giant last December.

Meanwhile, Erika Hess, Switzerland's

double world champion, hit back to win her first Alpine Skiing World Cup race since the end of December when she clocked a combined 1:42.68 in a special slalom at Maribor, Yugoslavia.

The petite World Cup holder, badly twisted a knee shortly after her win at Piancavallo and underwent an operation recently. She made her comeback to the pistes two weeks ago, but has been somewhat below her best until Wednesday.

Hess lay second after the first leg a mere 00.02 secs behind Kronbichler and ahead of Wenzel, but she produced a magnificent 50.14 secs on the second run to record a significant success. Wenzel, the former World Cup winner and reigning Olympic champion, went even faster on the second run, clocking 49.97, but it was not enough to close the gap. She took second place with Kronbichler third.

France to cap Bernard Herrero in key Five Nations tie

TOULOUSE, France, Feb. 9 (AFP) — The nomination of Bernard Herrero as hooker in place of Jean-Louis Dupont is the only change made by the French selectors from the side which defeated Scotland on Saturday for the Five Nations decider against Ireland in Dublin on Feb. 19.

Herrero, the youngest of four brothers, gets his first cap 20 years after his eldest brother Andre was drafted into the French team. With first-choice hooker Philippe Dintrans still on the injury list, the selectors have turned to Herrero because they expect the France-Ireland game to be physical.

Coach Jacques Fouroux said: "With so much at stake the match threatens to turn into a real battle, for which Herrero seems

better suited than Dupont." Yves Noe, chairman of the selectors said they also hoped the change would improve synchronization between thrower and line in line-outs.

Meanwhile, the Scottish Rugby Union selectors will wait until Sunday before announcing their team to play Wales in the Five-Nations tie at Murrayfield on Feb. 19. The team was due to have been announced on the party's return from the 19-15 defeat at the hands of France at the weekend, but the selectors have now decided to wait until after next Sunday's training session at Murrayfield before finalizing their plans.

Also Andy Irvine, Scotland's full-back and captain, is to undergo an operation on his troublesome achilles tendon.

Shergar stolen

DUBLIN, Ireland, (AP) — Shergar, the double Derby winner owned by the Aga Khan and one of the world's most highly valued race horses, was abducted at gunpoint from an Irish stud farm Tuesday night, police said Wednesday.

Police in the Irish Republic launched a full-scale hunt for the animal once dubbed the "wonder horse" after it was taken from its retirement home at the Aga Khan's stud farm in Newbridge, County Kildare, adjacent to the Curragh Race Track 30 miles (48 kms) from Dublin.

Police said two gunmen locked up head groom John Fitzgerald's family in a room at their mansion-style house at the farm Tuesday night. Then they forced Fitzgerald at gunpoint to the adjoining stables and ordered him to identify Shergar, valued at 13 million Irish pounds (\$18 million).

Irvine, who holds the record for the number of points scored in international matches, has had problems with achilles tendon injuries for the past four years and has been unable to play for Scotland in their two Five-Nations matches so far this season.

"The last six months have been awful," he said. "I've played only eight or nine games and I've had to take a week's rest after each. I'm going into hospital on Thursday and I've been told there is a good chance of making a full recovery." He pointed out that as it is nearly the end of the season, he will not play again until September. Even if he makes a rapid recovery from the operation, he would not be going on the British Lions' tour of New Zealand this year.

Connors takes Gerulaitis in stride

TORONTO, Canada, Feb. 9 (AP) — Jimmy Connors defeated Vitas Gerulaitis 6-0, 6-1 and Gene Mayer, a last-minute replacement for defending champion Ivan Lendl, downed Brian Gottfried 6-2, 6-0 in opening matches of the \$250,000 Molson Tennis Challenge Tuesday night.

Sweden's Bjorn Borg was another top-name player to pull out of the eight-man event. Lendl failed to show because of a strained right arm, while Borg had an infected little finger on his left hand. In the other preliminary match Tuesday night, Peter McNamara topped Mats Wilander of Sweden 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

The withdrawals had their effect as about 4,000 spectators filled seats at Maple Leaf Gardens. The crowd was announced at 6,200. Depending on travel arrangements, Yannick Noah of France, ranked ninth internationally, or Jose Higueras of Spain, 11th, will play Tim Mayotte Wednesday night in a Group "A" match. Higueras is en route from California.

Gerulaitis, ranked fifth in the world and winner of the event in 1981, failed to hold serve against Connors, second internationally. After double faulting three times in the final game of the first set, including at set point, Gerulaitis blew a 40-0 advantage in the second game as Connors proceeded to sweep the next six games and the match.

Meanwhile, three seeded players led by No. 4 Kevin Curren of South Africa, were first round winners in the \$300,000 Virginia Bank Classic. But another seeded player was not so lucky, making it the second surprise in two days.

Advancing with Curren, who beat Peter Elter of West Germany 6-4, 6-2, were sixth-seeded Steve Denton and No. 8 Brian Teacher. Denton rallied from a 3-1 deficit in the second set for a 7-6 (8-6), 6-4 decision over Terry Moor and Teacher trounced Van Winitsky 6-3, 6-1.

The fifth-seeded Johan Kriek was upset by Eric Fromm 6-4, 7-6 (7-5) in the second of the three night matches. The 24-year-old Fromm broke Kriek in the first game of the match, but Kriek got back in the sixth when Fromm double faulted twice. Fromm broke back in the seventh and then held his service to take the set.

In the second set, Fromm took a 5-4 lead with a break in the ninth game. But he double faulted twice and lost his service in the tenth and this forced the issue into the tiebreakers. Fromm nipped Kriek in the tiebreakers for the upset.

In London, Philippe Chatrier, president of the International Tennis Federation, said he believed Bjorn Borg's tennis career really ended when he lost to John McEnroe in the final of the U.S. Open in 1981.

He also expressed surprise that John McEnroe's on-court behavior during last week's U.S. Indoor Championships had gone unpunished.

Tennis tourney at Albilad

By Habib Rahman
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 — The fourth annual Air France Tennis Tournament will be held from Feb. 24 to March 3 at the city's Albilad Hotel. The event has been modified to a "doubles" only this time. Entry fee for this tournament is SR100 which includes the cost of poolside barbecue for both players and a new can of tennis balls that will be provided for each match. The last date for entry is 15th of this month.

The airline has offered two first prizes: one economy class air ticket for a trip to Paris and back and another ticket for Jeddah-Seychelles-Jeddah on its flights.

The second prize is a weekend for two at the Albilad Hotel including dinner, and the losing semifinalists will get two Air France tennis bags and parasol. All semifinalists will get Air France T-shirts.

Sangmed 'A' squashes Binladin

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 9 — Sangmed 'A' in the Seville Division and Albilad 'A' in the Cordoba Division kept their slate clean at the end of the fourth week of the Arabian Homes Squash League.

Sangmed 'A' dominated their tie against Binladin. But Ian Rodwell playing at third string for Binladin, nearly spoiled Sangmed's scoreline. Sangmed's Kevin Sidebottom looked to have the match sewn up when he thrashed Rodwell 9-1, 9-0 for the first two games. However, Rodwell proved a tough customer. He took his revenge in the next two, 9-3, 9-4 and ran up a 7-4 lead in the decider. But Sidebottom, who till then was on the receiving end, treated Rodwell to his own medicine and wrapped up the game and match without dropping another point, 9-7.

In the same division, Saudia 'A' scraped past Dunes 3-2 with wins at second, third and fourth strings. The most creditable performance coming from veteran Neville Wilmot against Jeff Thomas, the former chalking up a

9-3, 9-0, 6-9, 9-3 victory.

In the other match of the division, Saudi British Bank notched their first win of the season with a 4-1 verdict over KALA. In the keenly-contested match of the tie, David Budd's superior retrieving powers proved decisive against Fred Morris for a 10-9, 7-9, 9-5, 9-2 triumph.

In the Andalus Division I, newly promoted Murabustan 'A' were given a 5-0 rousing win by Bedouins, who recorded their first 5-0 win of the season. First string Derek Chapman of Murabustan nearly salvaged some of his side's honors before going down fighting in a five-game thriller against Jerry Lee.

Hochstief 'A' were at home to RIO-BRGM 'A'. But they had to draw on all their expertise to quell the challenge of the visitors for a final 3-2 verdict. The visitors got off to a bright start with fifth string J. Smith scoring over C. James. Hochstief were 2-1 up when their fourth string Roger Martin and Brendan Manion, of RIO, squared up in what proved to be an extended duel.

Squash results

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Gray Mackenzie A	2	Andalus Village	2	RIO-BRGM B	4	Costain A	1
Hochstief A	3	RIO-BRGM A	2	Toyota B	5	Gray Mackenzie B	0
Bedouins	5	Murabustan A	0	Arabian Homes CV	1	Bedouins B	4
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Sogor B	0	Samba A	5	Costain B	3	Ial	2
Saudi British Bank	4	KALA	1	Sandia Club	3	Gray Mackenzie C	2
Dunes	2	Sandia A	3	Amaska	1	Malaga	4
Sangmed A	5	Binladin	0	Samba C	1	Whimsey Murray	4
Cordoba Div. BII				Valencia Div. CIII			
Marbella	1	Albilad A	4	Bell Canada A	0	Arabian Homes B	5
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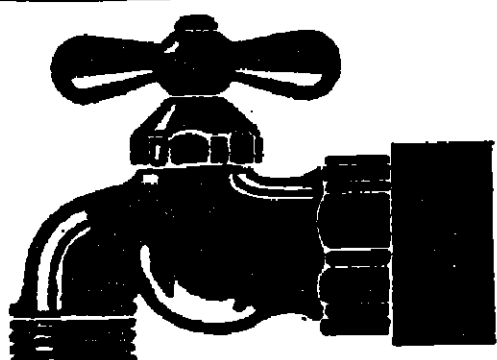
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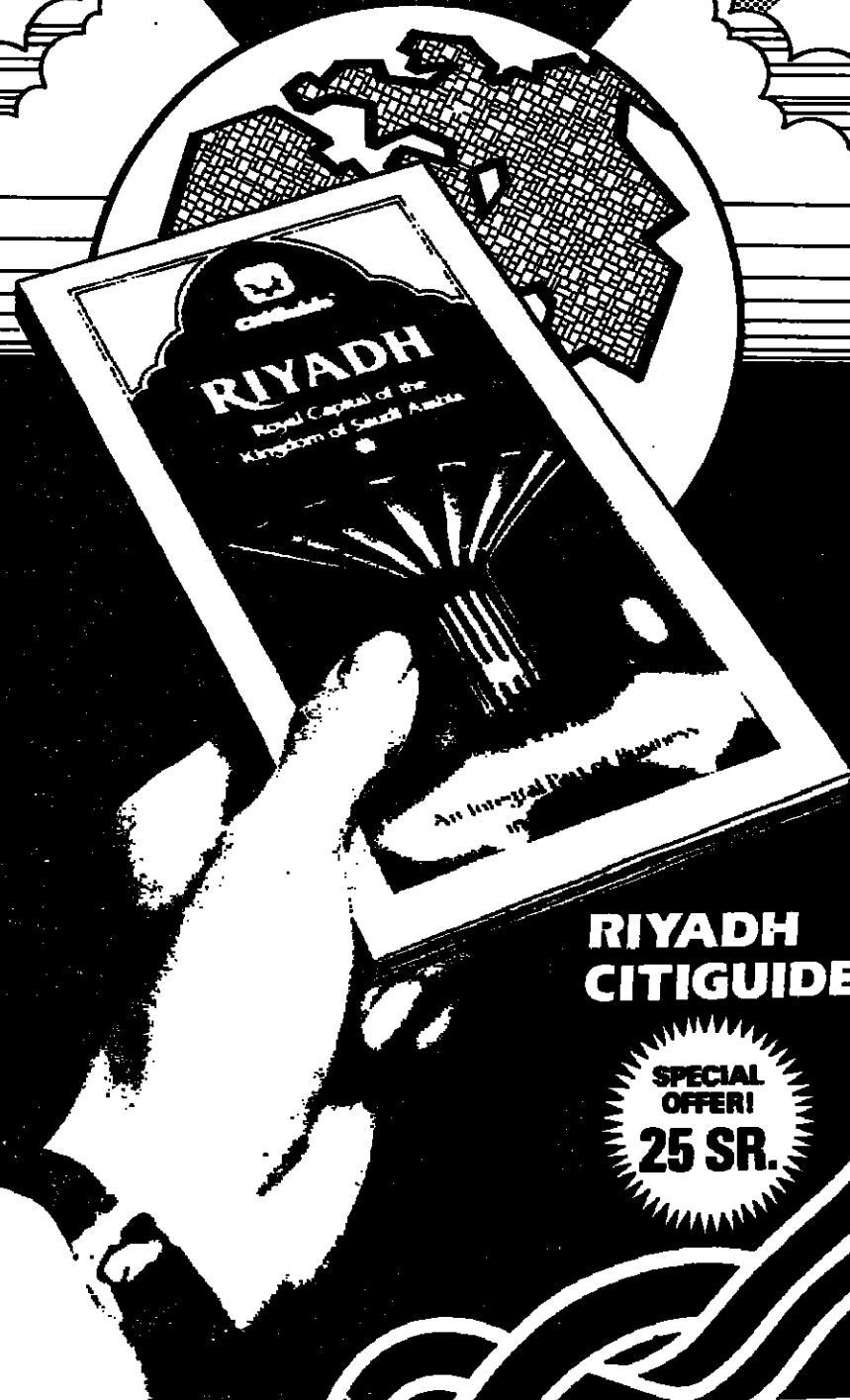
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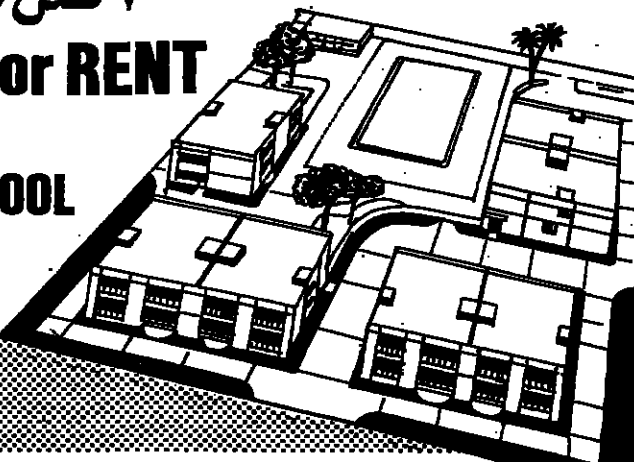
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From political prisoners

Poland to refuse amnesty requests

WARSAW, Feb. 9 (R) — Poland will not consider an amnesty for political prisoners until sufficient stability has been achieved, the government spokesman has said.

Jerzy Urban said more than 1,500 detainees had applied for clemency under a scheme announced last December when martial law was suspended, but among them were common criminals. Speaking at his weekly news conference, Urban said conditions for lifting martial law altogether also hinged on "relations with certain Western countries and the functioning of economic sanctions which do not create a normal situation."

He confirmed that Lech Walesa, leader of the outlawed Solidarity union, had been summoned to appear before a military prosecutor Thursday in connection with an investigation of five former union advisers active in the KOR (workers' defense committee) dissident movement. Dismissing Walesa's charge Monday that the summons was invalid because it bore no signature, he said: "It was signed by the deputy military prosecutor, Rear Admiral Wojcieszek."

Polish intellectuals have called for an amnesty and last week the powerful Roman

Catholic church said such a move by the authorities would be seen as a goodwill gesture before the planned June visit by Polish-born Pope John Paul.

"In any country an amnesty is an exceptional act, and the situation has not matured to the stage where the authorities could consider it at present," Urban said. He declined to comment on an article he wrote recently which was sharply criticized by the church.

Urban said the American news agency United Press International (UPI), whose Warsaw office was shut down by the authorities last week, had applied for re-accreditation. "There is hope that both UPI and (the Polish news agency) PAP will receive accreditation to reopen their offices in Warsaw and Washington," Urban said.

Washington reacted to the expulsion of a UPI correspondent from Poland earlier this year by ordering a PAP reporter to leave the United States. Urban said the rules under which foreign correspondents could work in Poland were being amended but added that the changes would mainly affect "technical matters like the hiring of Polish staff."

Rival forces exchange fire on Thai-Cambodian border

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand, Feb. 9 (AFP) — Rival forces Wednesday traded heavy artillery fire along the Thai-Cambodian border opposite several encampments housing tens of thousands of refugees, front-line reports said.

On the diplomatic front, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Kapitsa left Bangkok Wednesday for Hanoi at the end of a three-nation tour of non-Communist Southeast Asia that had also taken him to Indonesia and Malaysia. The thunder of incoming and outgoing rounds began reverberating in this frontier town, 230 kilometers east of Bangkok, at dawn. International aid officials said there was heavy shelling around the destroyed camp at Nong Chan, 30 kilometers north of here, and at the Nong Samet camp, which houses more than 50,000 refugees to the north.

Vietnamese forces Tuesday also shelled guerrilla Cambodian positions near Ban Sang-Nae, headquarters of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF).

America tests new missile

CAPE CANAVERAL, Feb. 9 (AP) — A Pershing 2 missile, the U.S. army's new nuclear weapon scheduled for deployment later this year in Western Europe, was test-fired Wednesday, the second such launch within a month.

"It appeared to be a good shot this morning, and we know it impacted in the general area that it should have impacted," said Dave Harris, spokesman for the U.S. Army Missile Command at Huntsville, Alabama. "But we won't know how successful the whole flight was for several days."

The missile lifted off its mobile launcher from Cape Canaveral at 10:06 a.m. EST (1506 GMT) on a planned path 344 kms high and 1,512 kms down range. The flight lasted about 11 minutes, Harris said. "That is about 160 kms farther than the last one (Jan. 21) because we want to stress the propulsion system and inertial guidance under higher temperatures," Harris said.

The last Pershing 2 launch also was considered a success. The first Pershing 2 launched here, on July 22, 1982, exploded seconds after liftoff. The second firing at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico was only a partial success.

The Pershing 2, which will have a combat range of about 1,609 kms, is to replace the Pershing 1, which has a range of 643 kms. The Pentagon is committed to deploying the first of 108 Pershing 2 weapons in West Germany starting in December. The Pershing 2 is one of two major intermediate-range weapons the United States plans to deploy in Western Europe with NATO approval, but over persistent objections by the Soviet Union.

The other weapon is a 2,413 km range ground-launched Cruise missile. A total of 464 of these missiles are to be placed in five Western European countries, also starting next December.



SEEKING ASYLUM: A Polish helicopter carrying two soldiers seeking asylum landed in southern Sweden Tuesday. Here, a policeman is seen taking them to a police station.

2 Poles defect to Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 9 (AP) — A Polish military helicopter carrying two soldiers seeking asylum landed on an island in southern Sweden Tuesday, police said.

The helicopter touched down on Tarno Island off Karlshamn on the south coast in the early afternoon. The two men contacted the only person on the island, a fisherman, who called the police. Karlshamn Police Supt. Jerker Hansson said the two men were seeking political asylum in Sweden. He quoted them as saying they were soldiers who had flown from Gdansk on the

Polish Baltic coast.

Hansson said the two Poles were interrogated at Karlshamn police station. A pilot boat took them there from Tarno Island in the afternoon. Meanwhile, police and military were guarding the Polish helicopter on the island. They did not further describe the aircraft. "Our first priority is to investigate this helicopter," said Lt. Col. Rolf Linden, head of military security in the area. The foreign aircraft, apparently had arrived undetected by the Swedish Air Force, news reports said.

Assam Socialist's ear chopped off

NEW DELHI, Feb. 9 (Agencies) — Anti-poll militants in Assam have chopped off the ear of a Socialist Party official and unleashed a reign of terror in the state as the official death toll during the week-long violence in Assam rose to 31, Indian news agencies reported Wednesday.

The militants, who were aided by local Assamese armed with bows and arrows and axes attacked government buildings at several places and clashed with the police and paramilitary troops brought into the state

specially to deal with the demonstrations. At least 12 persons have died in the wave of violence during the past 24 hours bringing the official death toll to 31. Unofficial, but reliable reports, put the toll at 35 to 40 with over 100 persons on the injured list.

Four towns are under curfew and thousands of extra policemen have been sent to quell the violence. The trouble in Assam began almost three years ago over the issue of illegal immigrants, mostly from Bangladesh. Political and student groups claim that large numbers of these immigrants have been included in the electoral list. They have threatened to disrupt campaign meetings to be held by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in the tea-growing state Thursday.

Meanwhile, in New Delhi the second round of talks to resolve the Sikh political party Akali Dal's demands for more autonomy for the predominantly Sikh state of Punjab, bordering Pakistan, ended in failure here Tuesday night.

Home Minister P.C. Sethi said the talks will resume Thursday. He said that Tuesday's talks between representatives of the government, the main opposition parties and leaders of Akali Dal focused on the major Akali demands for a territorial adjustment and sharing of river waters. Points were raised on both issues which needed further consultations with the chief ministers of Rajasthan and Haryana, the two states which share the waters with Punjab, he said.

Sethi, who took part in the talks, said that the Akali's were sticking to their demands for the reopening of the 1961 inter-state agreement on the sharing of river waters and for inclusion of Chandigarh, now the common capital of both Punjab and Haryana states. They also want some Punjabi-speaking villages in Haryana transferred to Punjab.

U.K.'s anti-smokers claim success

LONDON, Feb. 9 (AP) — Although most of Britain's 17 million smokers seemed to puff on doggedly, some tried to quit Wednesday and anti-smoking campaigners expressed delight as the nation's first "Don't Smoke Day" began amid a blaze of publicity.

"I'm having a go," said London insurance clerk Richard Marshall, 37, who commuted to work in a non-smoking train compartment from his home in Epsom to avoid temptation. "I've tried quitting before and I'm not too hopeful. But I guess I can manage just for a day," added Marshall, a longtime 20-a-day smoker. The tiny 1,000-member National Society of Non-Smokers, its officials breathless from television and radio interviews, estimated the day shaped up as a success equalling the established U.S. annual "Great American Smokeout" on which it was modeled.

The smokers' pressure group forest, a 30,000-member organization partially funded by the tobacco industry, sighed at what it called another bout of interference with personal freedom. "We've been over-

whelmed with inquiries and interest," said Non-Smokers' Society Director Tom Hurst, 69, a retired hospital administrator. "We think, we hope, but we'll only be able to estimate roughly, that about 1.4 million smokers are trying to stop for the day. And if just five percent of those give up permanently, it will be 70,000. But this is just the beginning," he said.

Government surveys show 40 percent of British adults still smoke, compared with 70 percent two decades ago when the first confirmed links with cancer and heart disease became well known. Some 65 percent of them, according to the state health department and to ASH, the main anti-smoking voluntary organization, want to kick the habit but are hooked.

Others take the view: You've got to die of something. "I could walk across that road and get killed," office worker Joyce Dudmish, 48, cigarette in mouth, said as she walked to work along London's windblown Holborn thoroughfare.

Attacks rights violation

U.S. threatens to bar Romania's trade favors

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (Agencies) — The State Department has criticized human rights practices in two Communist East European nations and threatened one of them, Romania, with loss of its trading status as a most favored nation.

By coincidence, spokesman Alan Romberg commented on the situation in Romania and Czechoslovakia as the administration made public its annual global human rights survey which said the record of U.S. friends had generally improved while those of Communist governments were worse.

In the case of Romania, a Communist country which has maintained independence from Moscow in foreign and defense policy, Romberg said there had been several reports that a new "education tax" on would-be emigrants was being applied. He said U.S. law was clear in barring trade privileges for countries that interfered with the right of emigration.

Implementation of a policy under which Romanians could not leave before repaying the government the cost of their education "would mean the loss of Romania's MFN (most favored nation) status," he said.

Romberg said the Romanian government had not confirmed it was applying the tax and Washington was still consulting Bucharest. In the case of Czechoslovakia, he deplored the treatment of imprisoned dissident playwright Václav Havel, who was reported by emigre sources Tuesday to be seriously ill. "We deplore the fact that the conditions of Havel's confinement have contributed to the deterioration of his health," the spokesman said.

He said the United States had previously made known both directly to the Czechoslovakia government and in international forums its objections to the arrest, harassment and intimidation of dissidents such as Havel. The playwright was arrested in May, 1979, and sentenced to four and a half years in prison on espionage charges.

The State Department also said India is expected to continue observing human rights in the near future, but long-term prospects are clouded.

"Basic human rights are well established in India," said the department's annual report sent to the U.S. Congress. The main concern now in India is abuse of police authority, the report said. "Despite legal protections, police brutality is widespread," it said, and warned that there were tendencies in state governments to curtail freedom of the press.

Paradoxically, it said, the reaction to the emergency rule of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi during the 1970s seems to have strengthened important institutions like the press and the judiciary. "There is, however, some apprehension that the parliamentary system may be affected by what is seen as increasing parochialism in Indian politics and by the weakening of party structure," the report said.

Pakistan, it said, has suffered "a further entrenchment of martial law." The martial law administration has continued not to honor many generally recognized human rights precepts, it said.

Princess Anne to visit Japan

LONDON, Feb. 9 (R) — Princess Anne, daughter of Britain's Queen Elizabeth, will visit Japan, Hong Kong and Pakistan in April and May, a Buckingham Palace spokesman said Wednesday.

The princess, president of the Save the Children Fund Charity, will visit Afghan refugee camps in the Pakistani town of Peshawar. She toured Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon last year. The princess will be accompanied by her husband, Capt. Mark Phillips, on her visit to Japan from April 22 to 29. She will attend a gala performance of Britain's royal ballet in Tokyo April 28.

She will visit Hong Kong and Pakistan between April 29 and May 6. In Hong Kong, which she visited in 1971, she will inspect the queen's Gurkha regiments. A spokesman said full tour details had yet to be worked out.

From Spain

Argentina wants Villone extradited

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 9 (R) — An Argentine judge Tuesday asked Spain to extradite Carlos Villone, a former social welfare minister, on charges of mismanaging government funds while in office, court officials said.

They said Federal Judge Jose Dibur asked for the extradition of Villone, who was minister of social welfare for one week in 1975 under former President Maria Peron. He is currently detained in the Spanish city of

Guadalajara, they added. Villone is wanted in connection with the same charges of embezzling public funds which led to former President Peron being sentenced to seven years imprisonment, following her overthrow by the armed forces in 1976.

Mrs. Peron was released in 1981, and has since lived in exile in Spain. Villone's predecessor as social welfare minister, Jose Lopez Rega, is wanted in connection with the same charges.

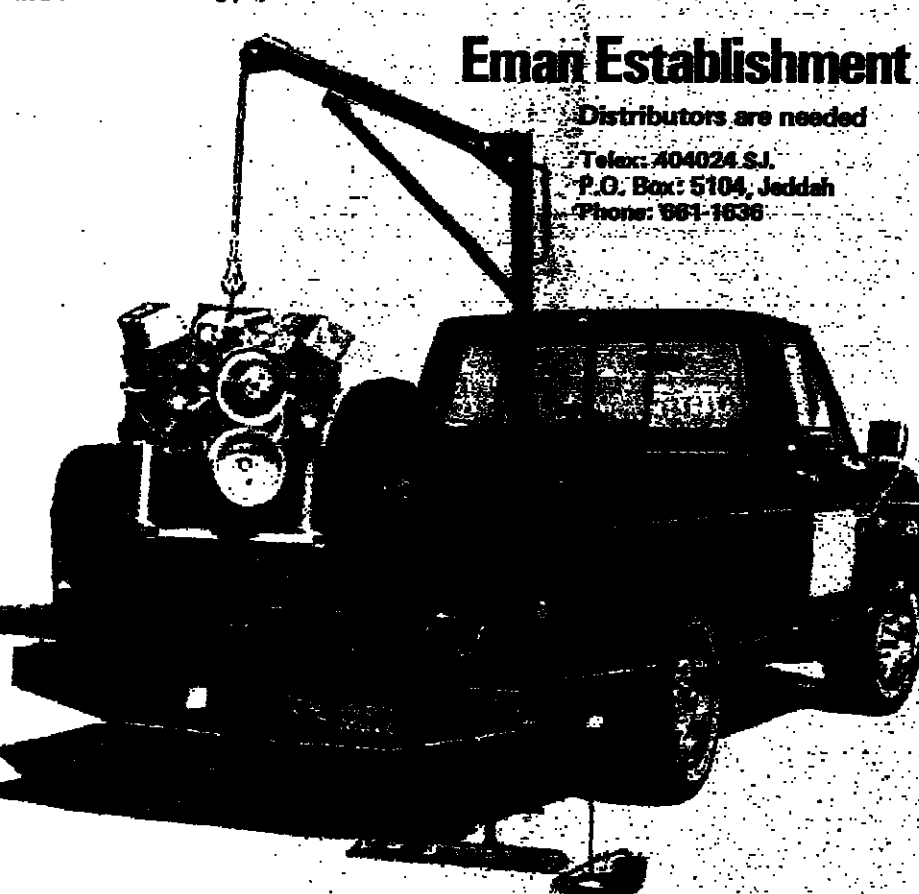
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